

# NH WATER PLAN WATER RESOURCES SURVEY



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## **Executive Summary**

### ***Background***

In 2003, the New Hampshire Legislature formed a Water Resources Committee to study and report on water resources. A primary goal of the committee is to develop a State Water Resources Plan that will inform the public and guide the state toward policies and actions that will help ensure the availability and quality of water needed to sustain economic growth while meeting environmental and public health goals. The scope of the plan will be broad: surface water and groundwater, quality and quantity, uses, values, and infrastructure.

In 2004, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) secured federal funding for Phase I of the State Water Resources Plan process. This phase includes preparation of a Water Resources Primer, a survey of decision-makers' perspectives regarding water resources, the development of data regarding present and future water demand, and identification of stressed sub-watersheds.

In 2008, DES contracted with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. and the University of New Hampshire Survey Center to conduct a survey to support the State Water Resources Plan process. The study was developed with input from:

- Brian Goetz, Weston & Sampson
- Andrew Smith, UNH Survey Center
- Tracy Fowler, UNH Survey Center
- Sarah Pillsbury, DES
- Paul Susca, DES
- Judith Spang, State Representative
- Dari Sassan – NH Office of Energy and Planning
- Marilee Horn – USGS
- Dr. William McDowell – UNH Water Resources Research Center
- Dave Kellam – UNH/New Hampshire Estuaries Project
- Brian Eisenhower – Plymouth State Center for the Environment
- Dan Sundquist – Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

The specific areas of interest are concerns about water resources and related opinions among state and local decision-makers. Fifteen hundred seventy-eight (1578) questionnaires were mailed or emailed to all New Hampshire legislators, Executive Council members, members of local governing bodies (Select Boards, Boards of Aldermen, City Councils), town planners, and the chairs of town Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions. On October 6, 2008, those with an individual email address were sent an email inviting them to participate in the survey on the internet, those with a general email address were mailed a paper questionnaire and sent an email invitation, and those with no email address were mailed a paper questionnaire. A reminder was sent on October 13, 2008. Four hundred twenty (420) state and local decision-makers responded to the survey between October 6 and November 14, 2008; the response rate is 27 percent which is a respectable rate for a survey of this type.

### ***Description of Responses***

The survey responses included in this analysis are as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>(N)</b>
<b>State Legislators</b>	<b>114</b>
Executive Councilor	1
State Senator	1
State Representative	112
<b>Local Governing Body</b>	<b>175</b>
Selectmen/Aldermen/Mayors/Councilors etc	175
<b>Town Planners / Chairs</b>	<b>131</b>
Town Planner	17
Conservation Committee Chair	78
Town Planning Board Chair	36

The responses have been broken down according to the following regions:

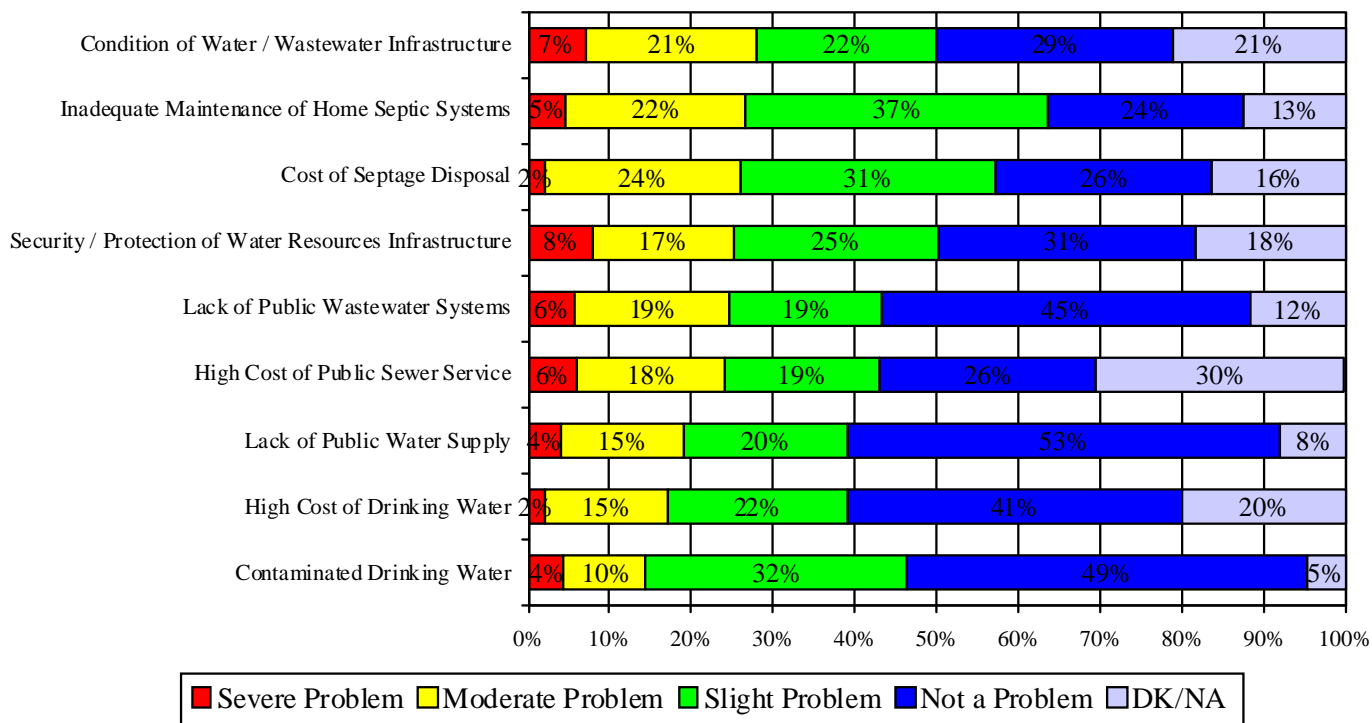
- Northern NH – Carroll, Coos & Grafton Counties
- Western NH – Cheshire & Sullivan Counties
- Central / Lakes – Belknap & Merrimack Counties
- Hillsborough County
- Seacoast – Rockingham and Strafford Counties

Because this survey was sent to the entire population of NH legislators and local governing bodies there is no margin of sampling error. However, as in all surveys there is the potential for other types of error such as non-response. Non-response error is the result of those who responded to the survey being different on key characteristics than those who did not return the survey. Because this is a population study, any differences seen are real differences among those who responded.

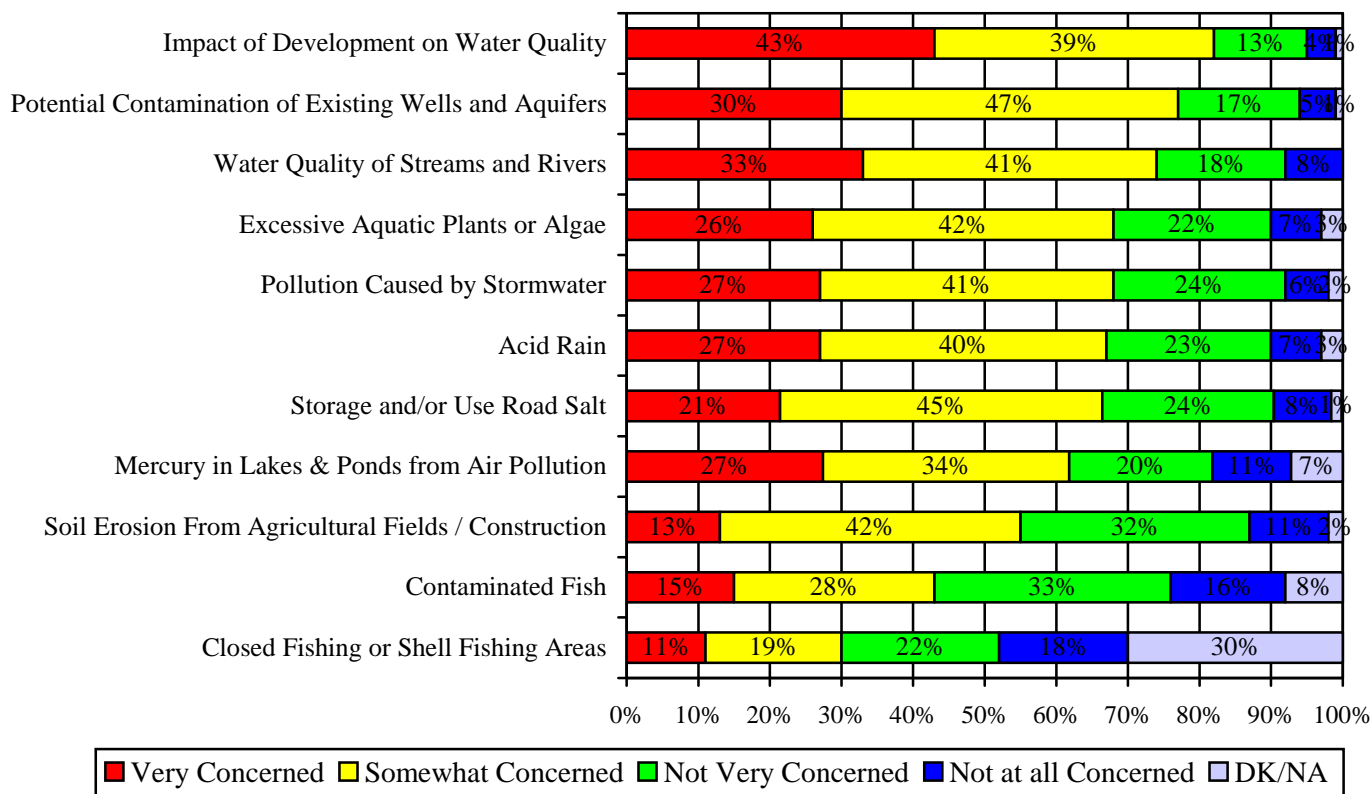
### ***Survey Results***

The survey results are presented in the accompanying figures. The first set of figures (pp 3 – 8) represents all responses. The figures on subsequent pages represent responses from specific groups (state legislators, local governing officials, and local planners/chairs) and from each region. Appendix A contains a summary of the open-ended responses to question 10. Detailed tabular results can be found in Appendix B, and Appendix C contains the survey instrument (the questionnaire).

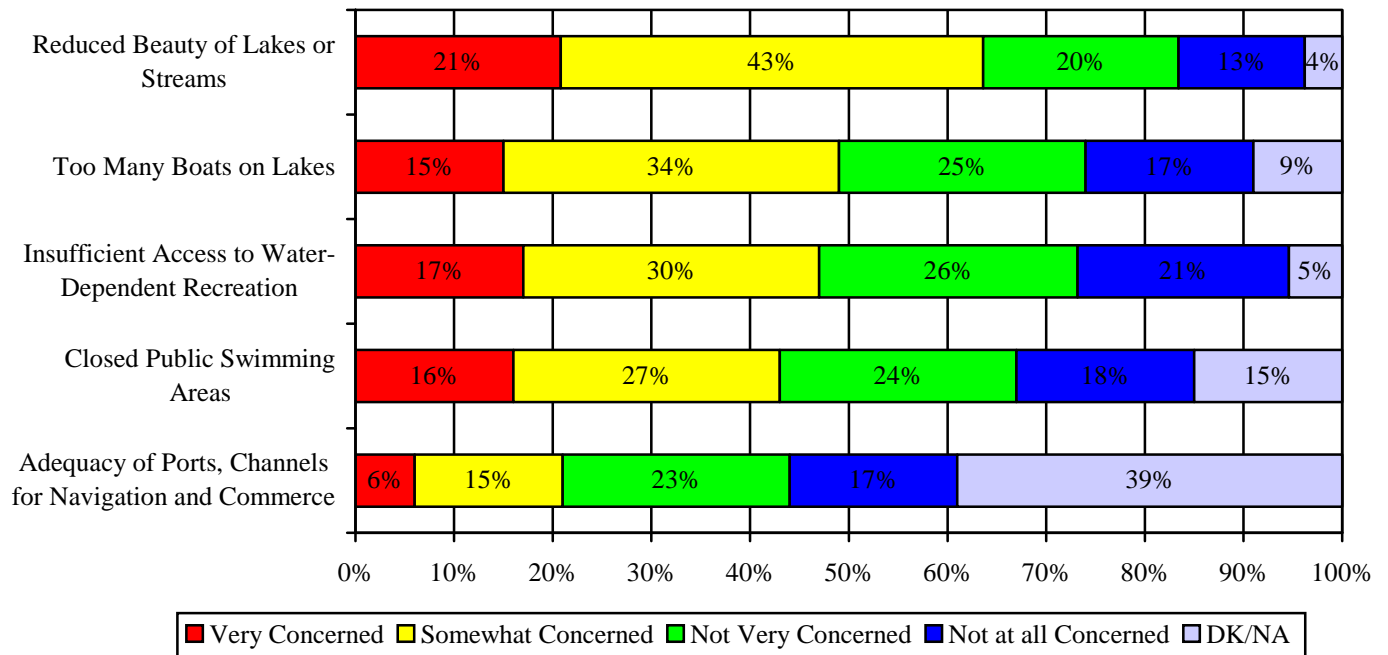
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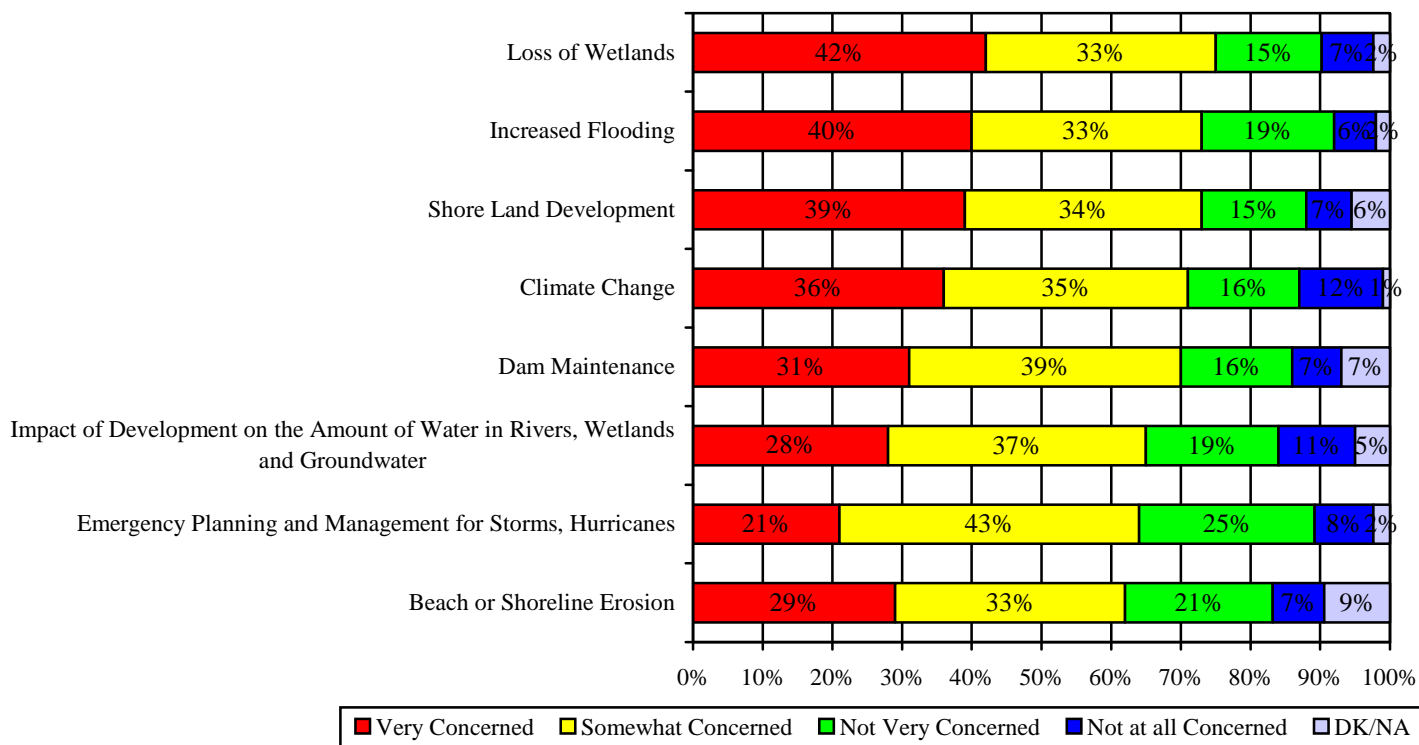
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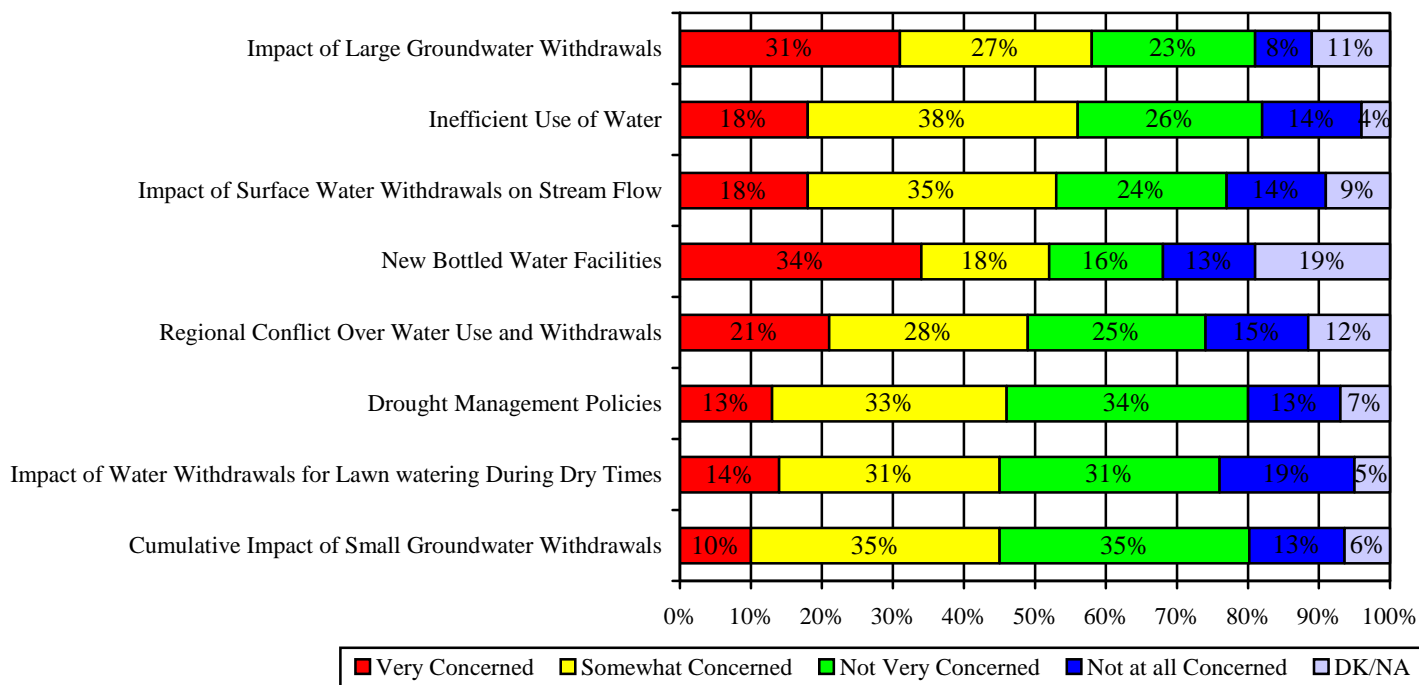
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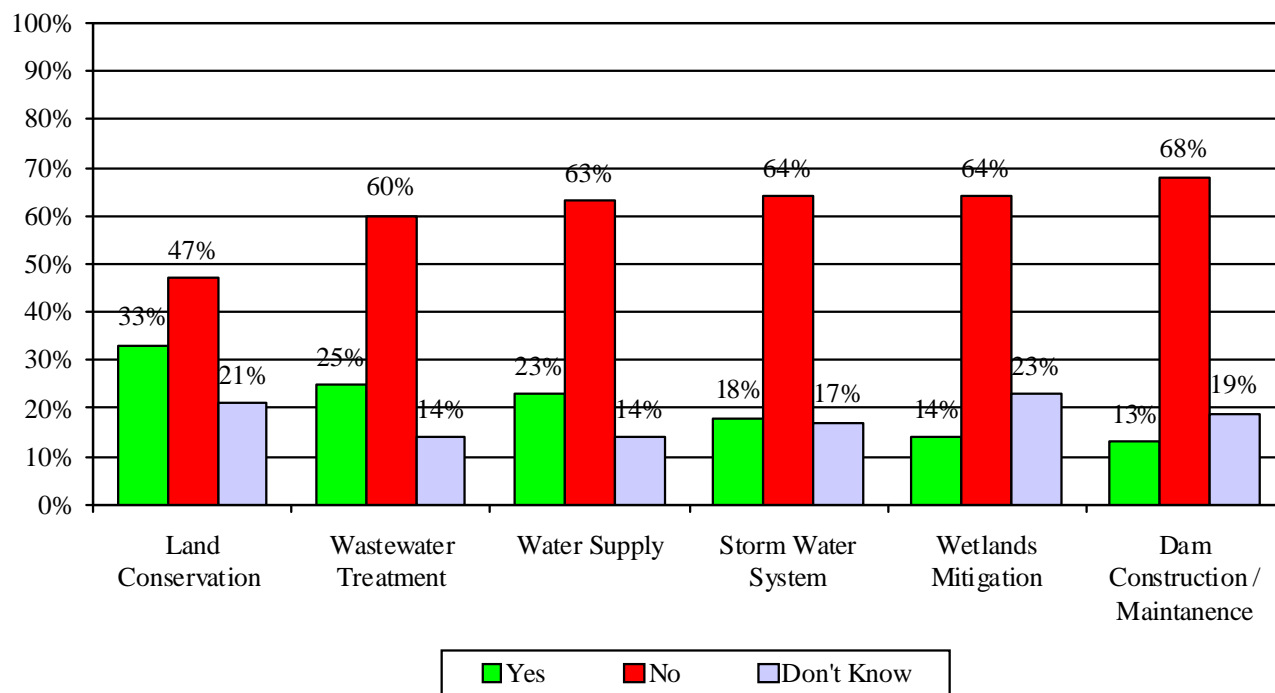


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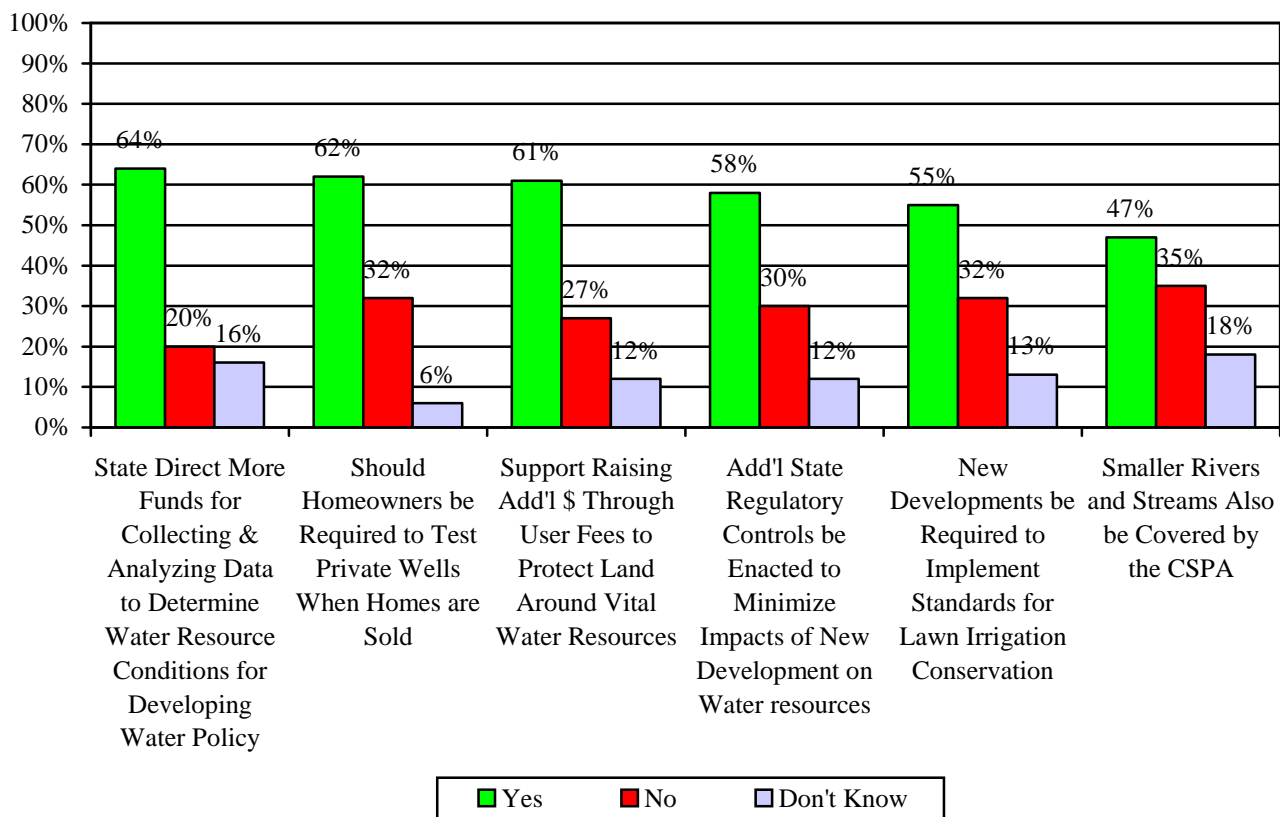




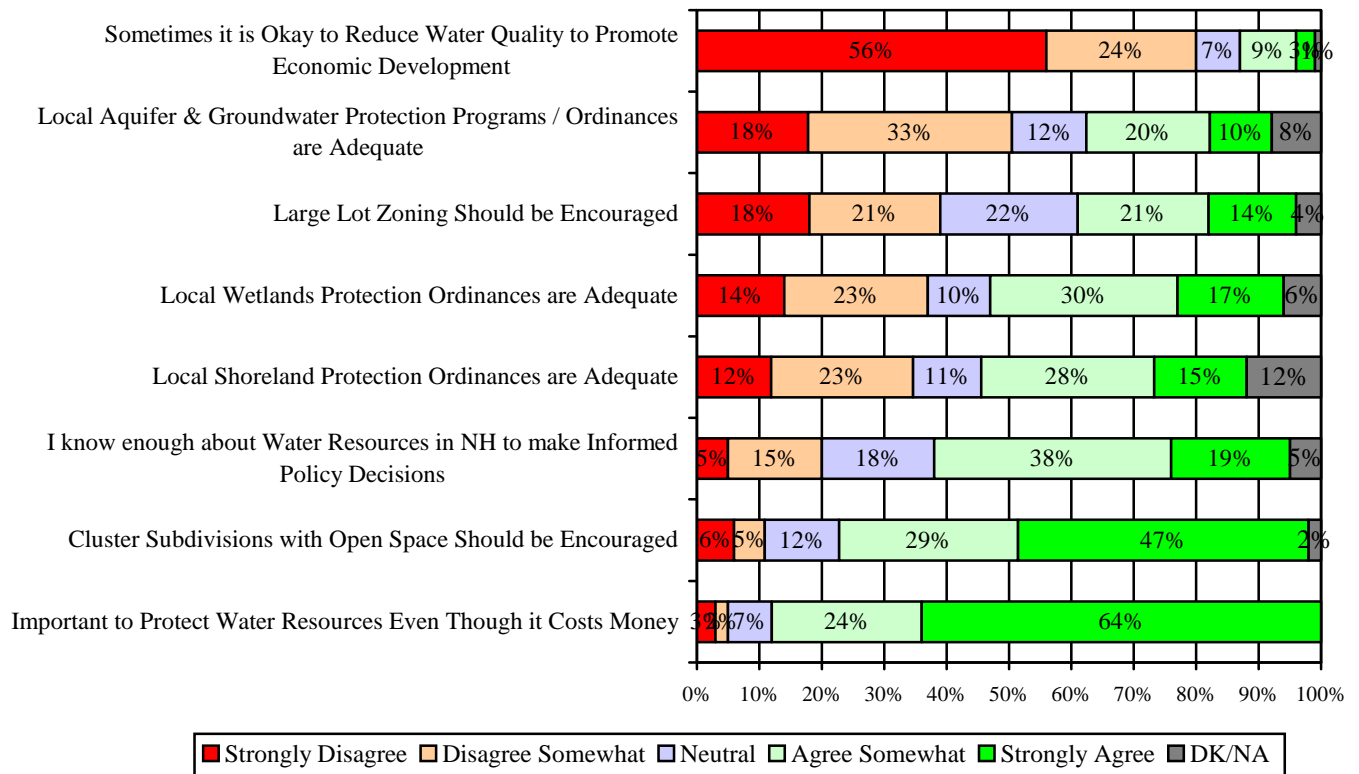
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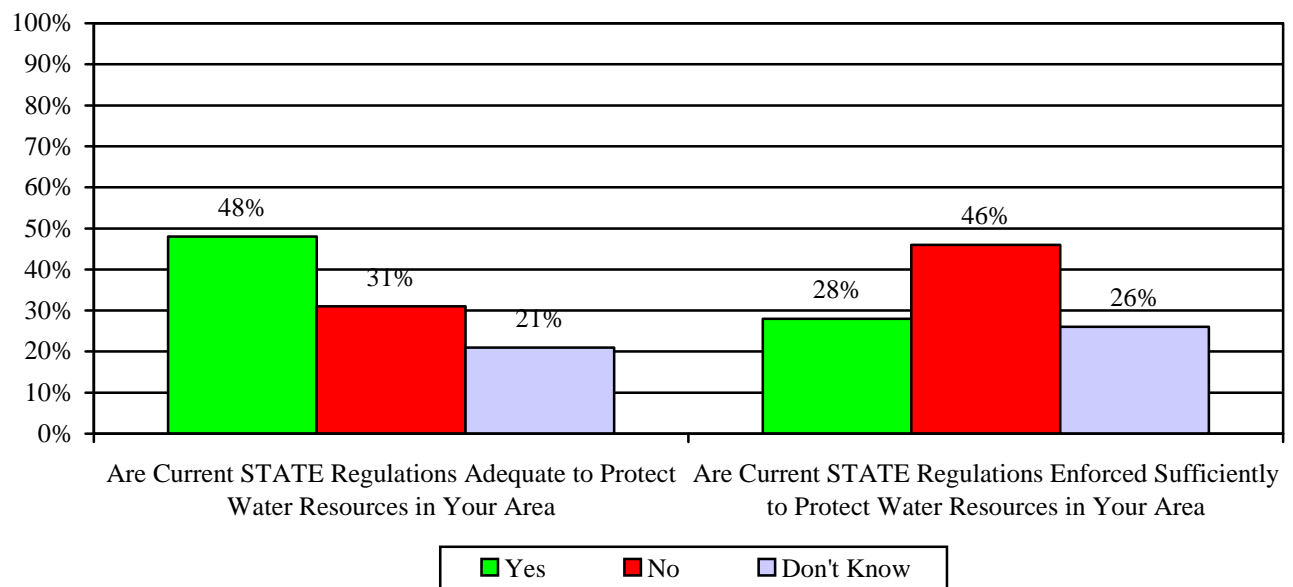
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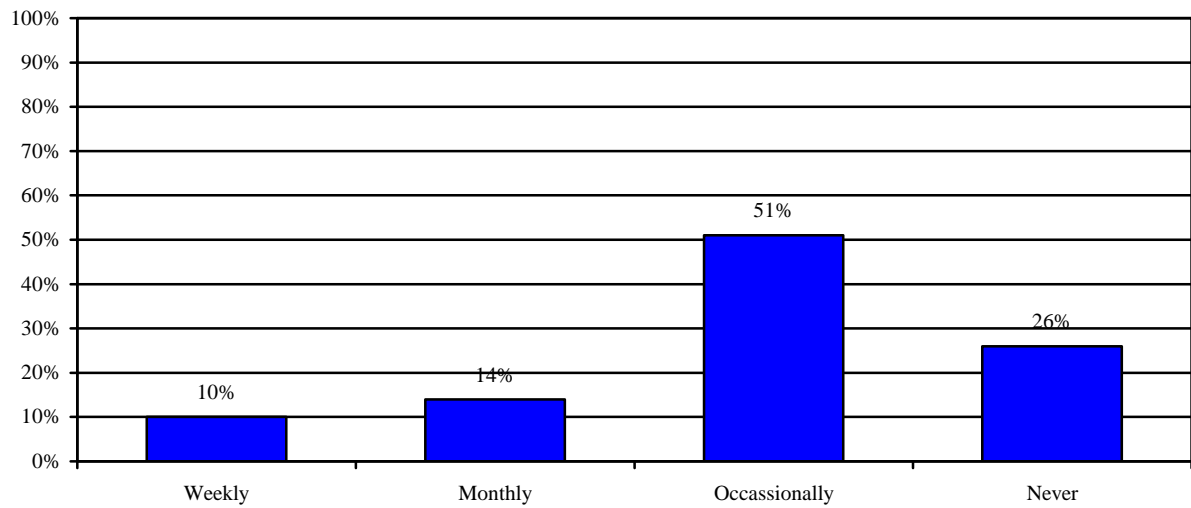
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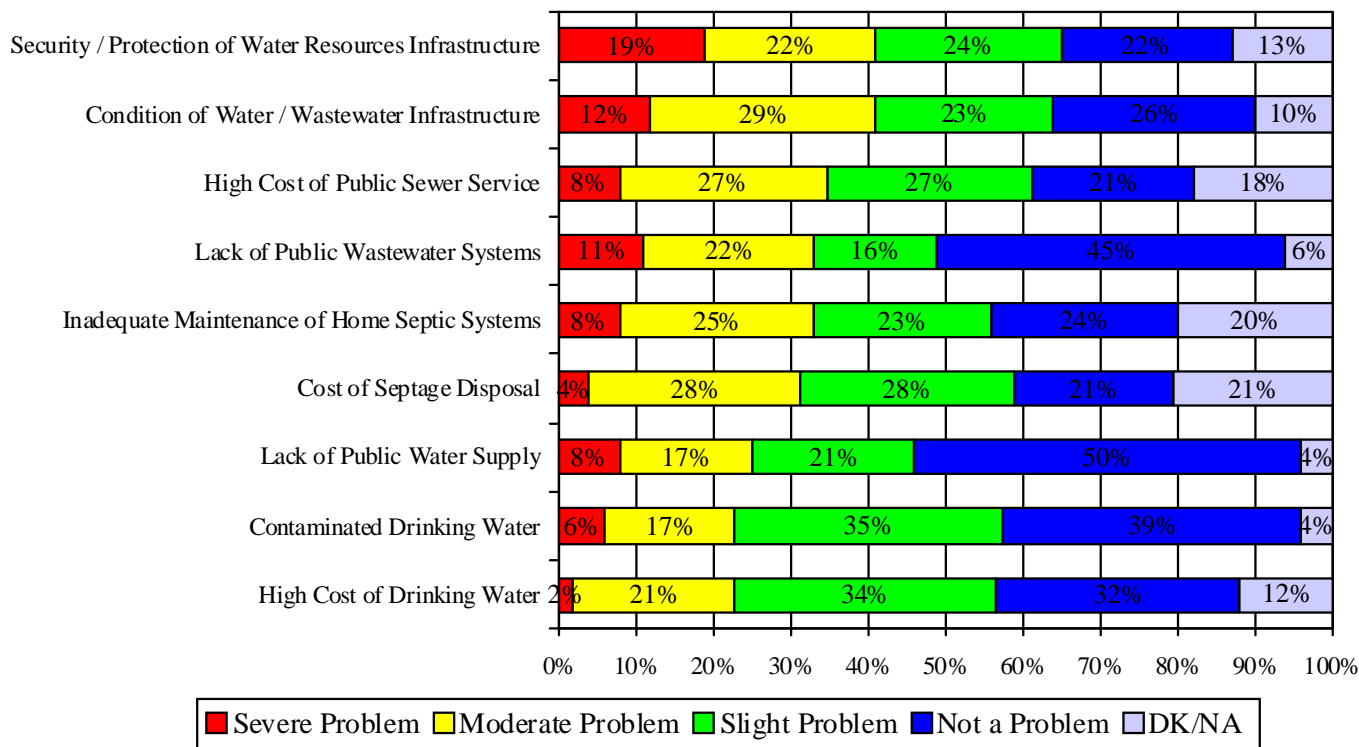
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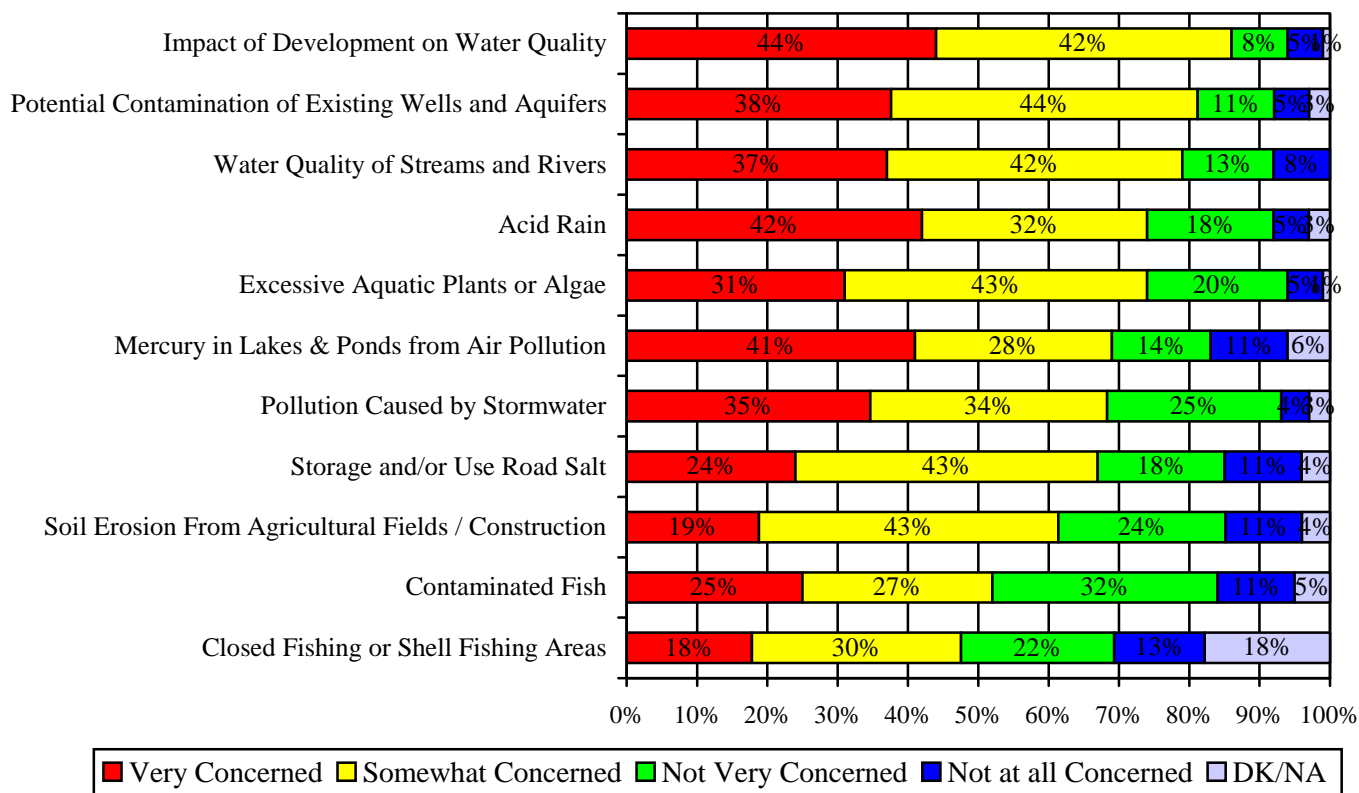
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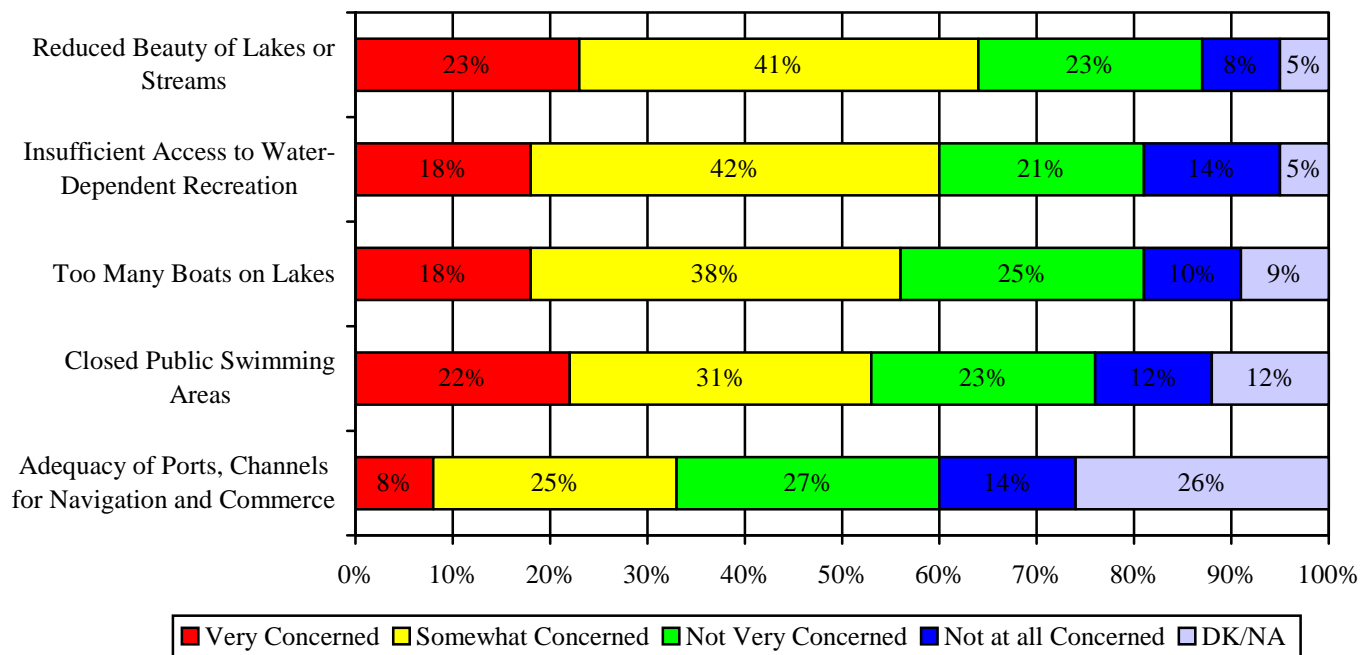
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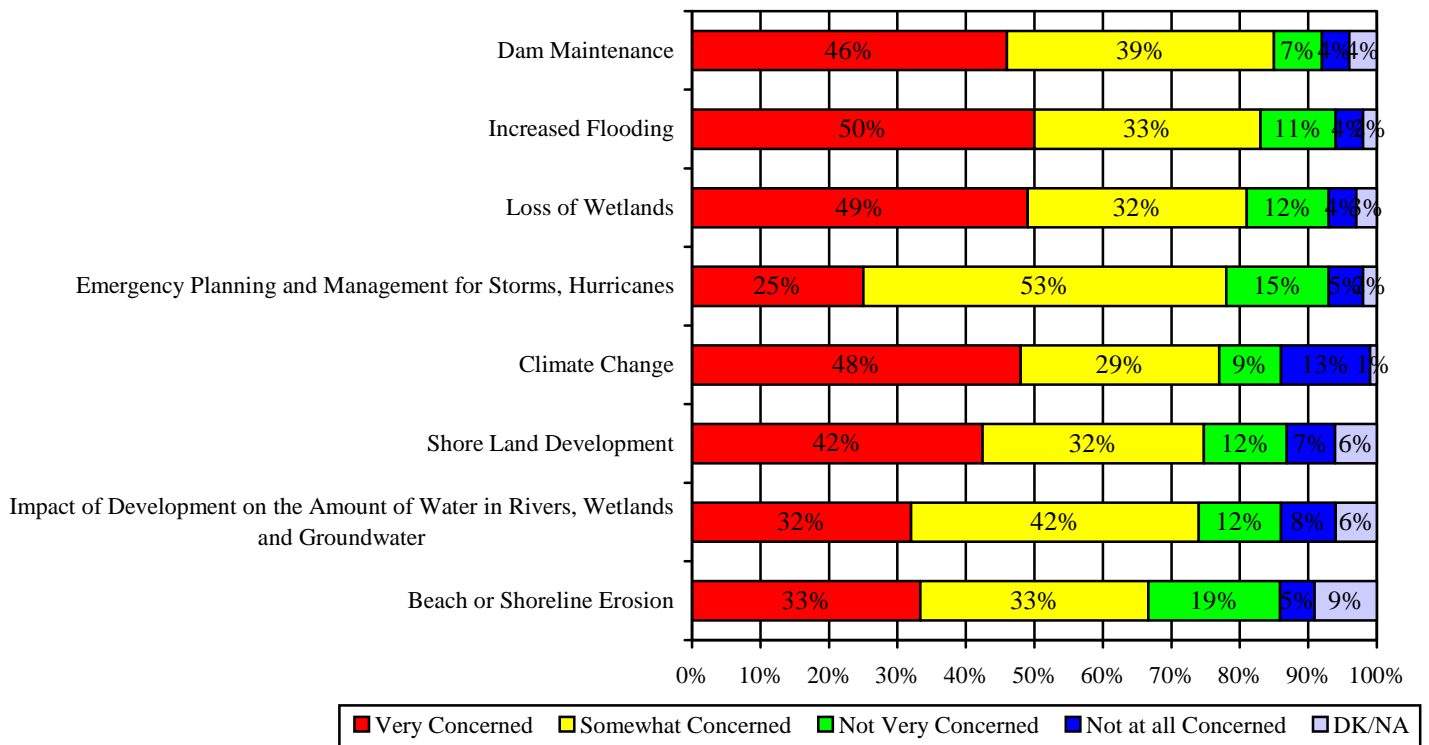
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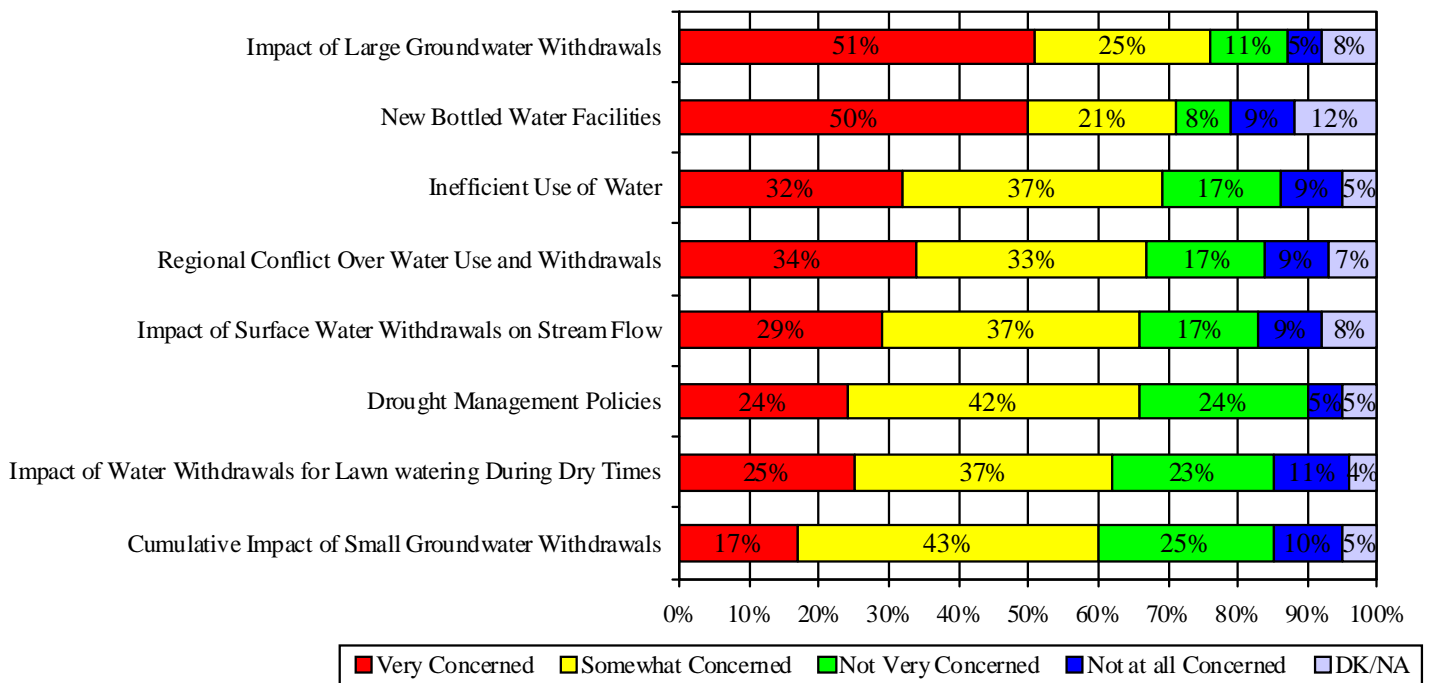
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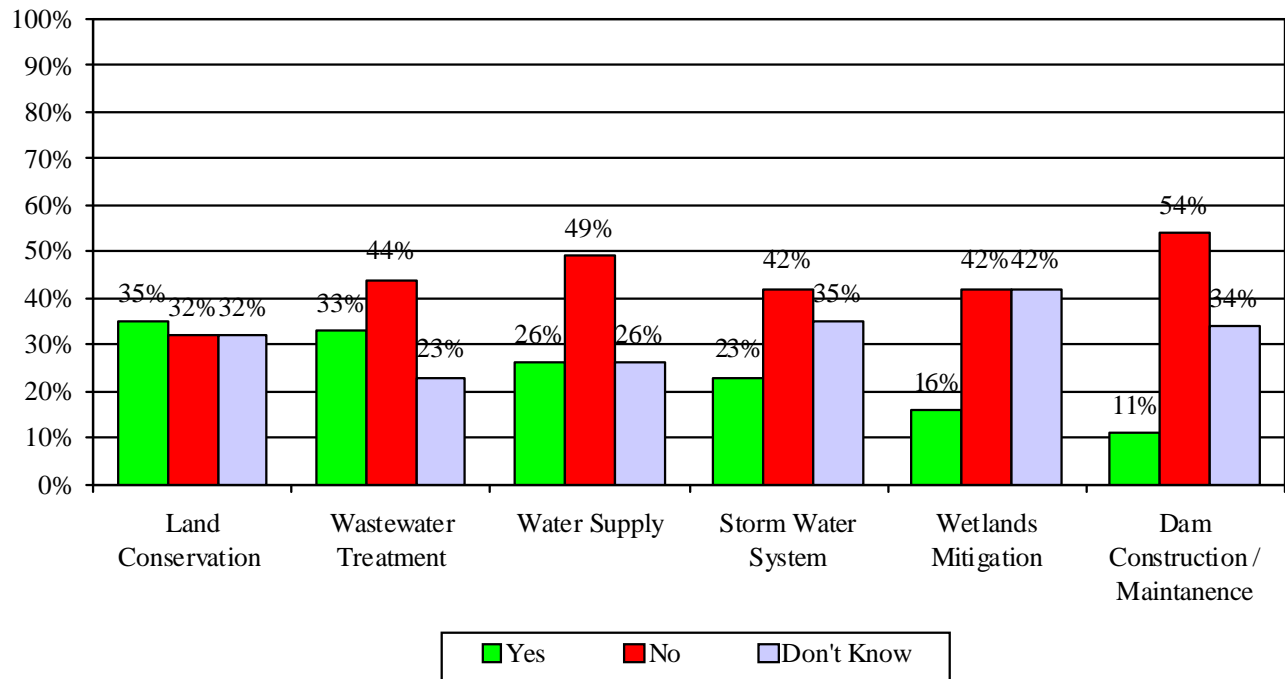
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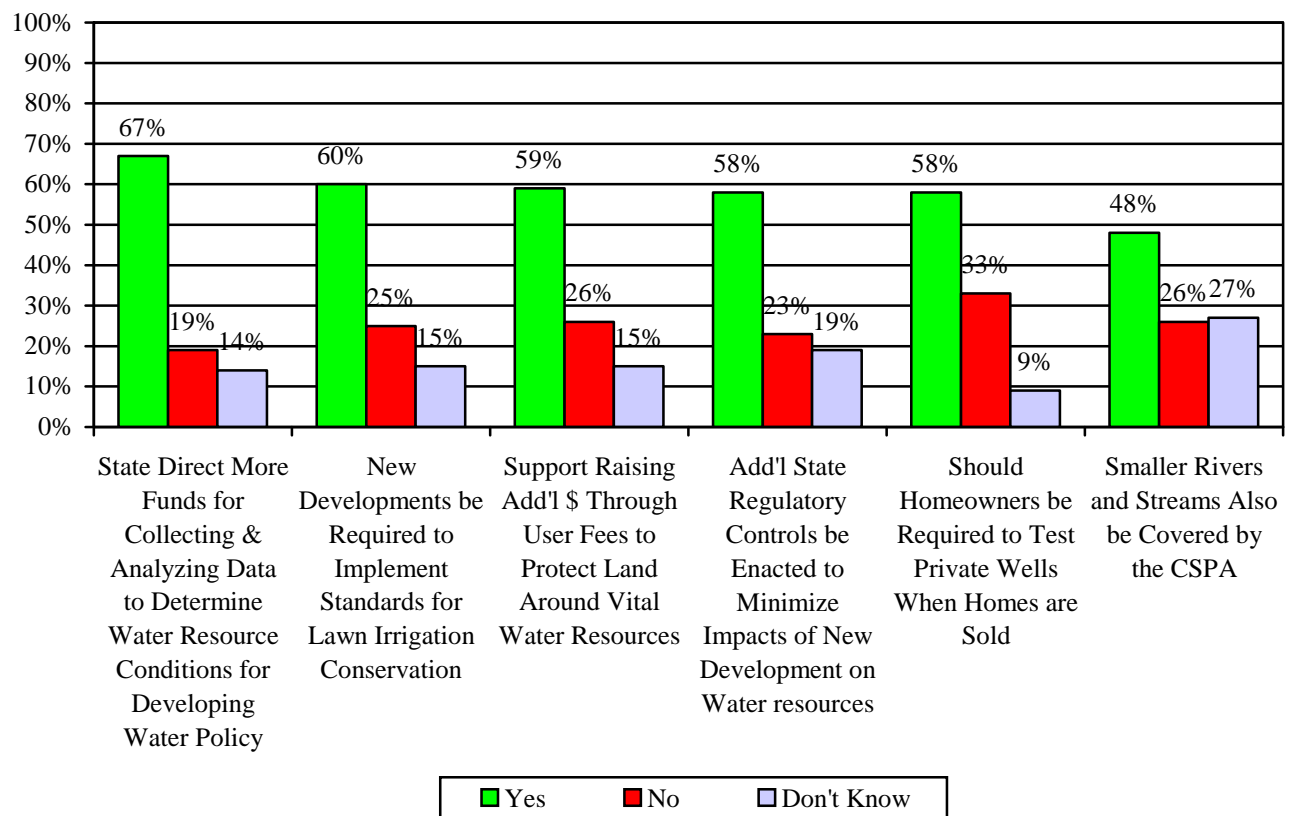
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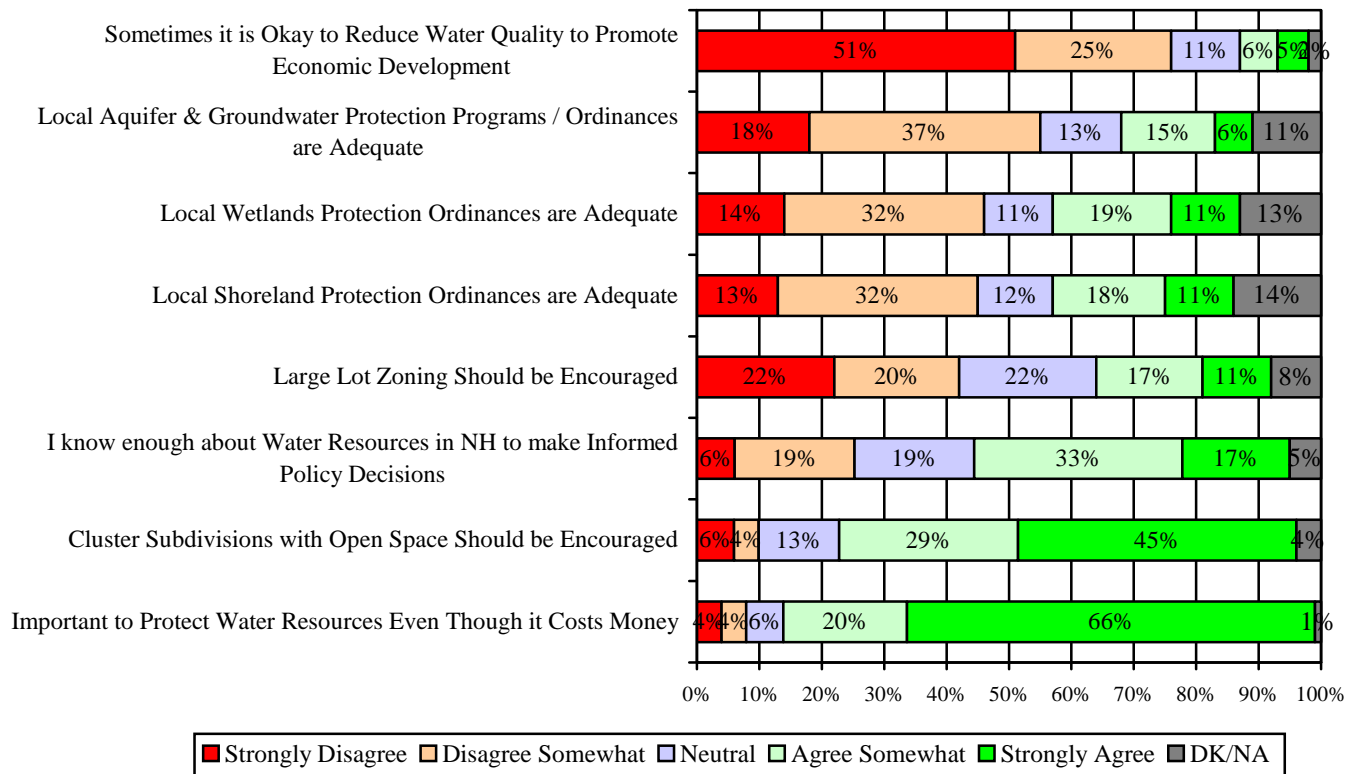
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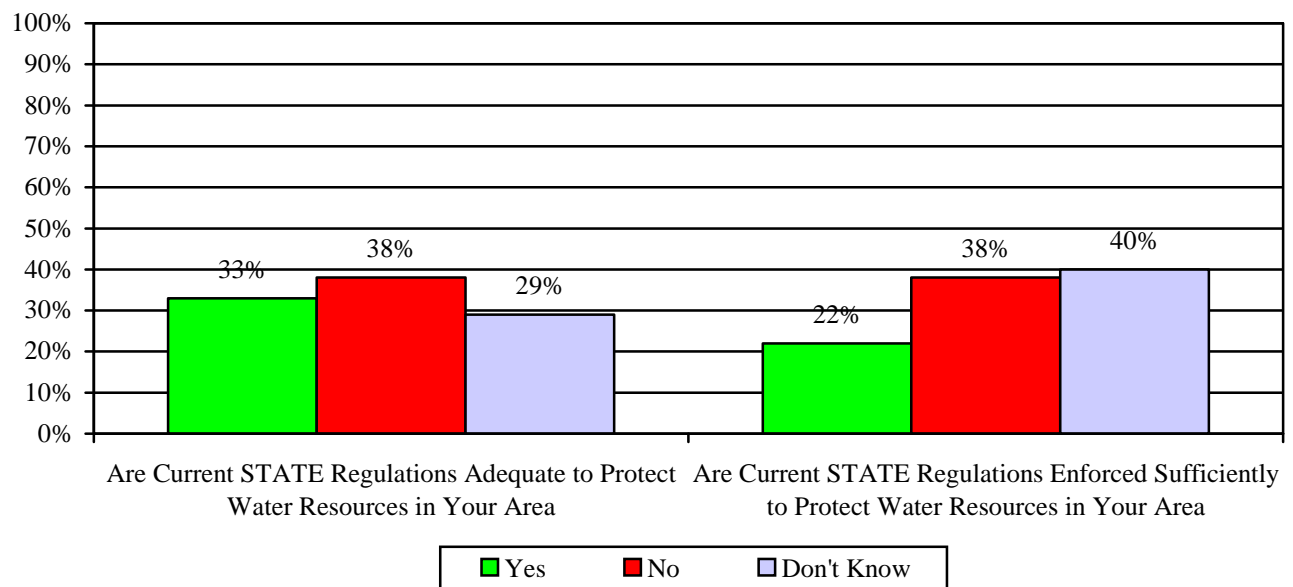
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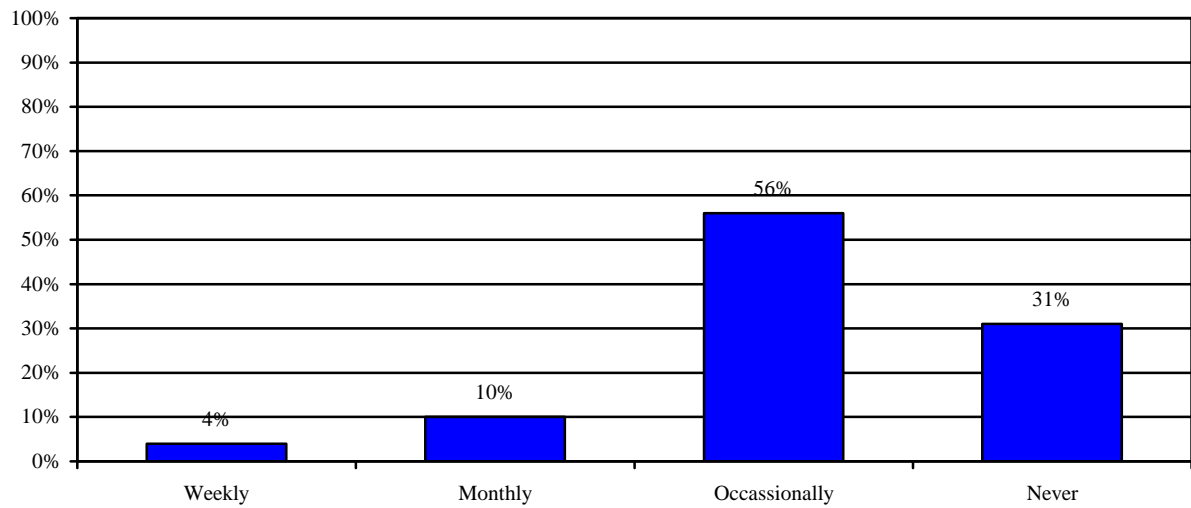


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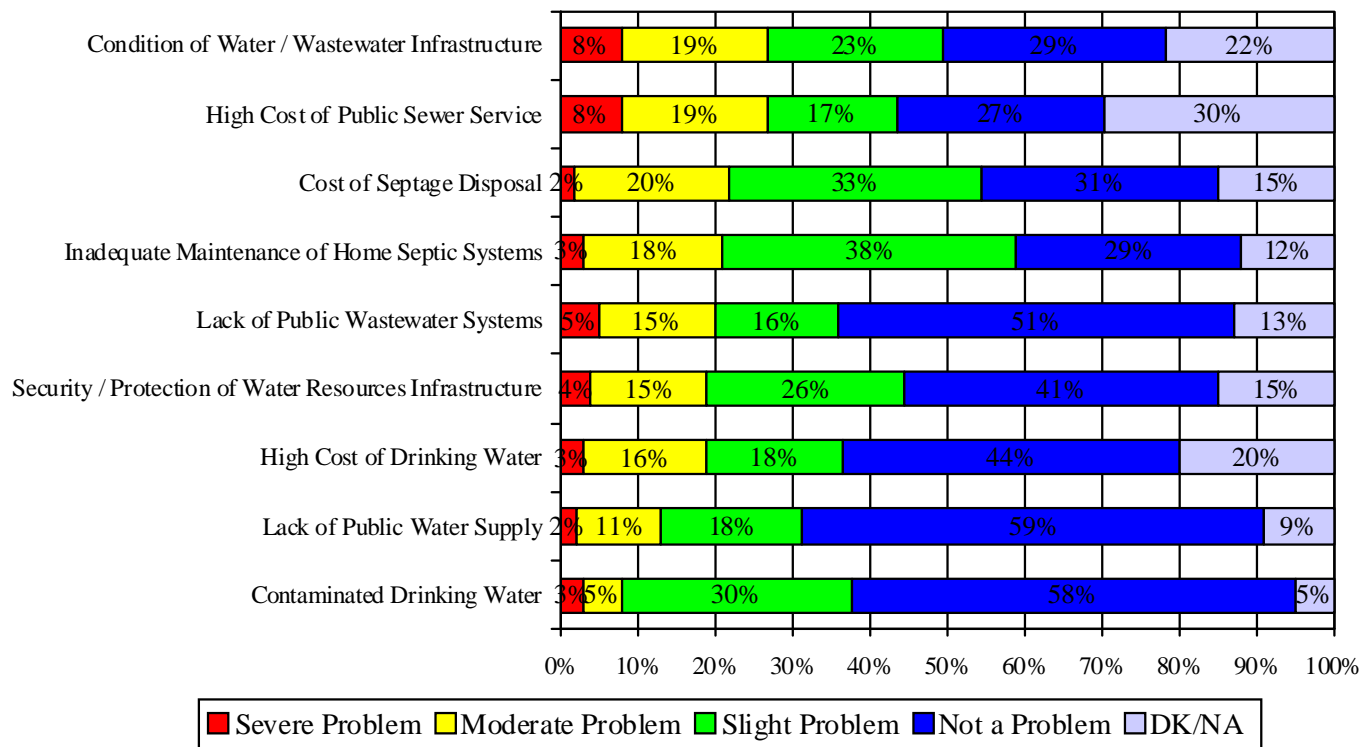




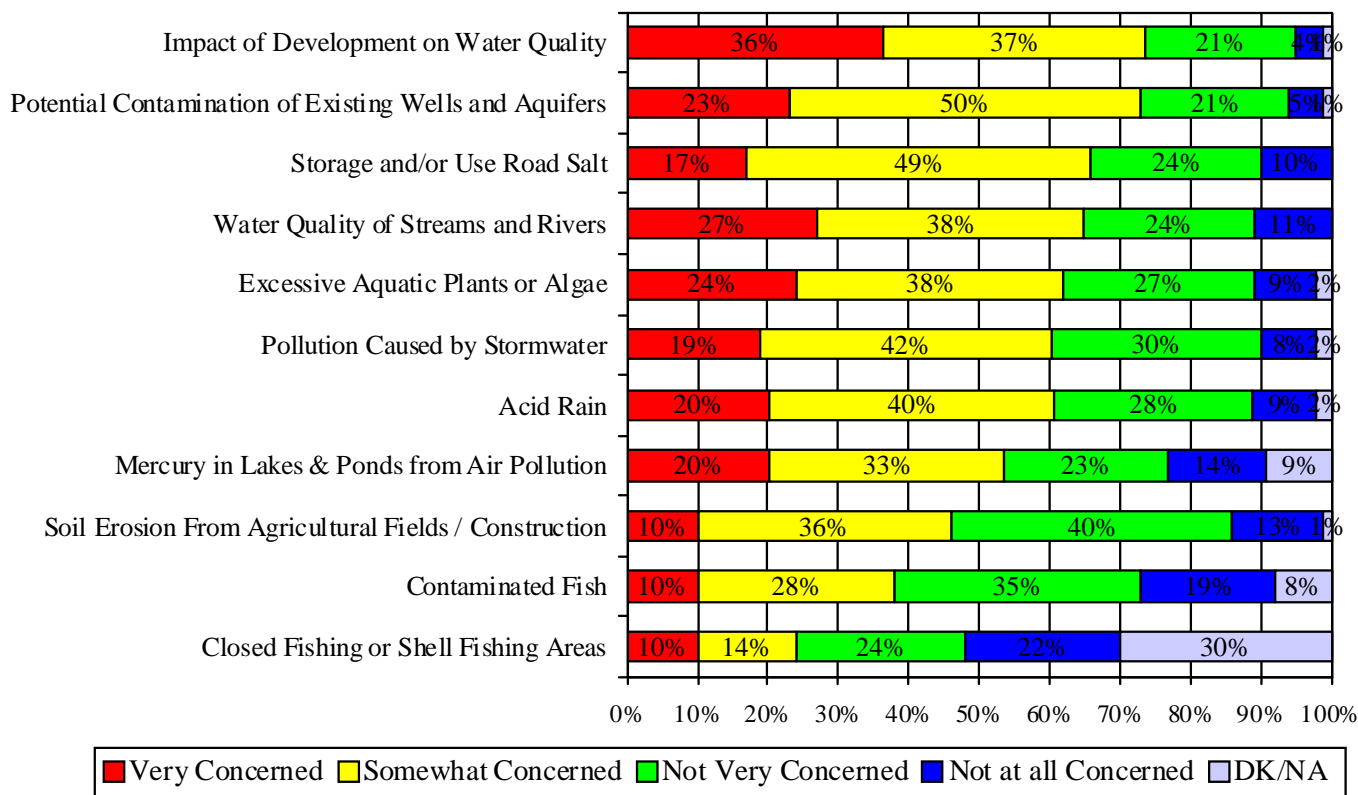
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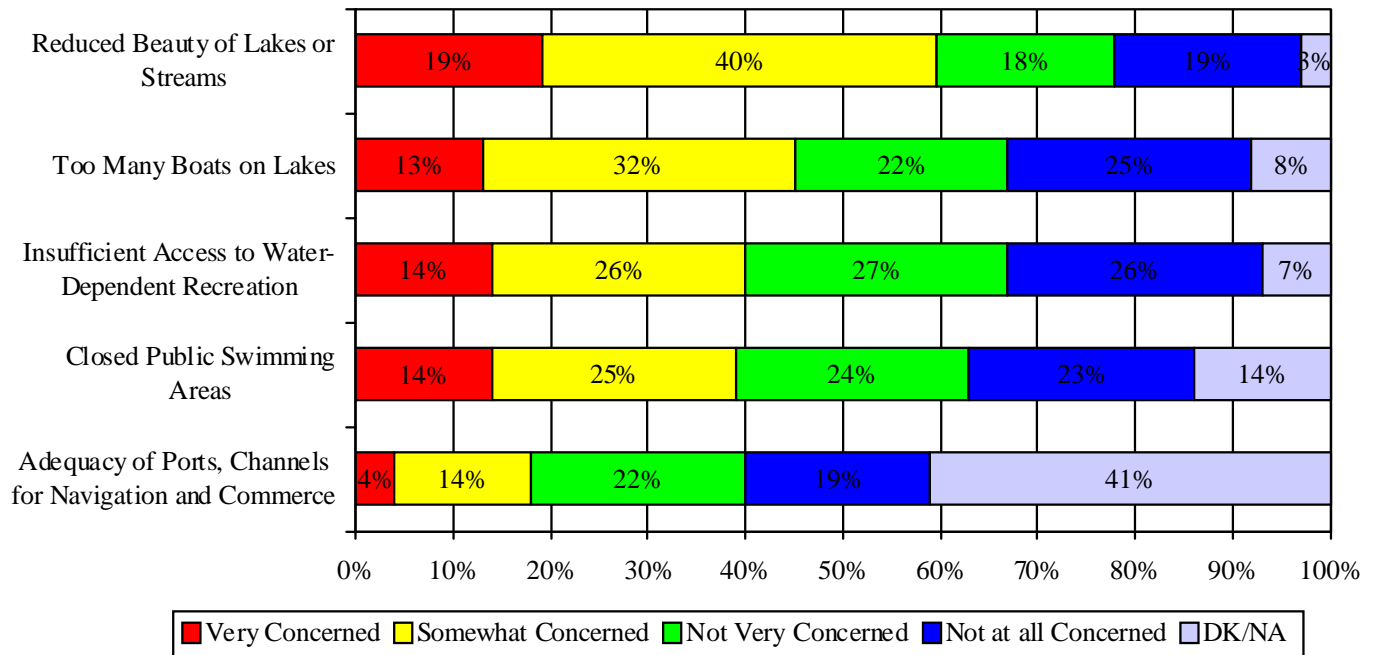
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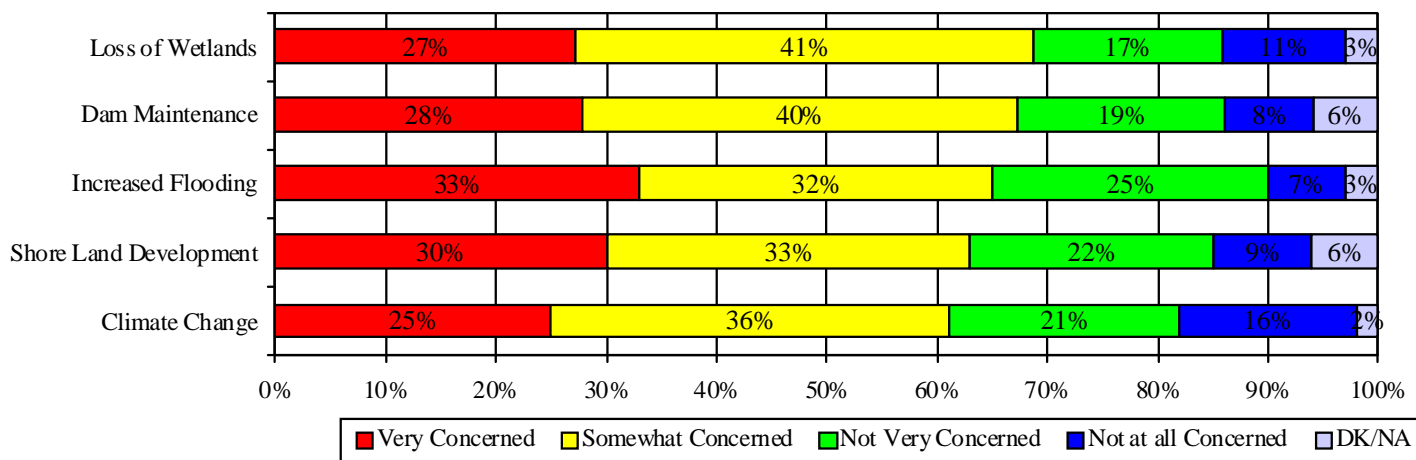
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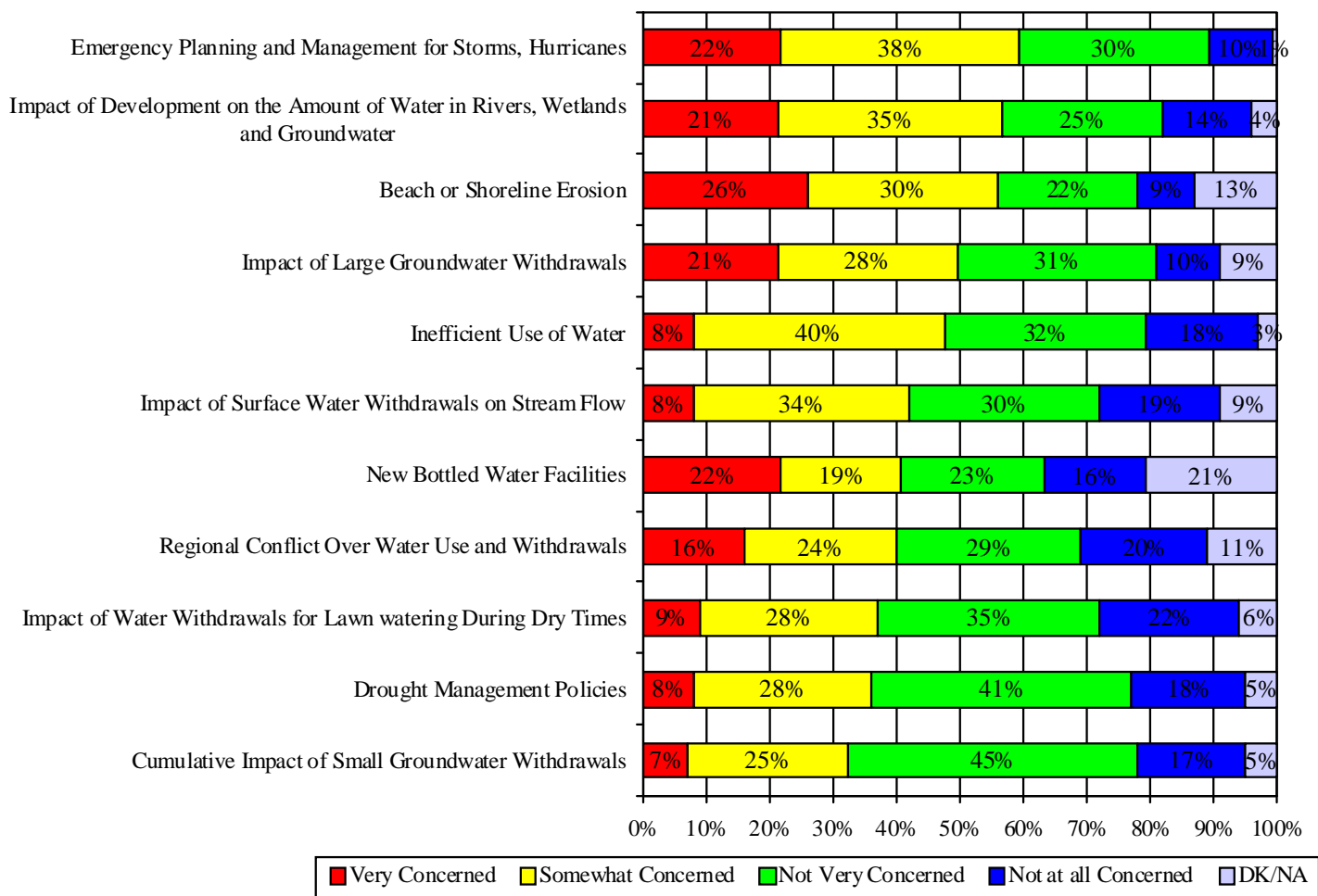
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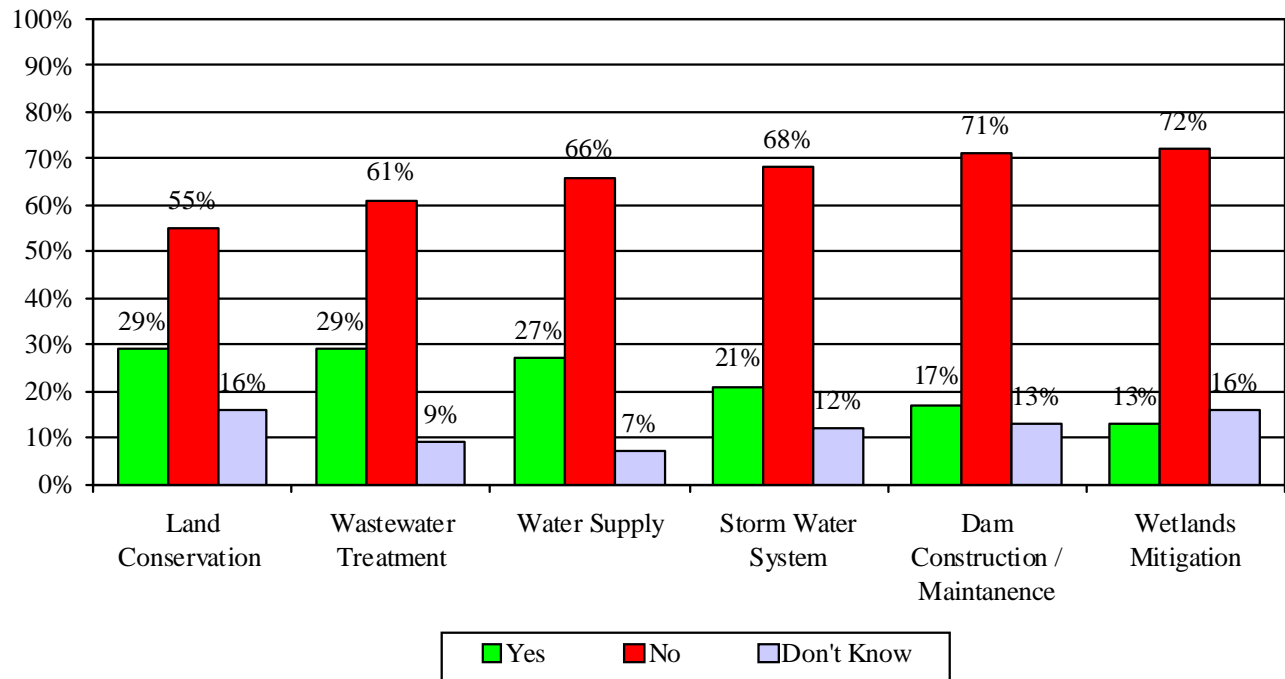
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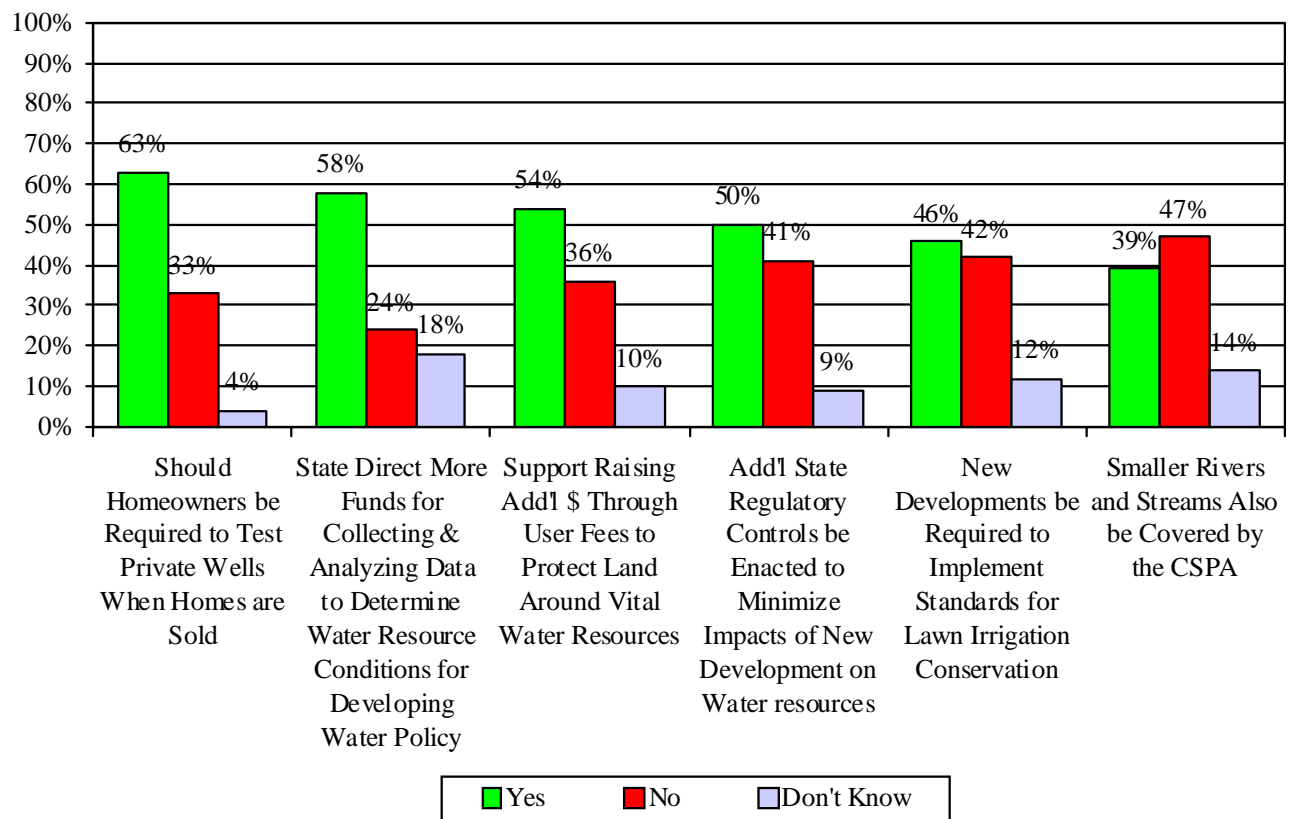
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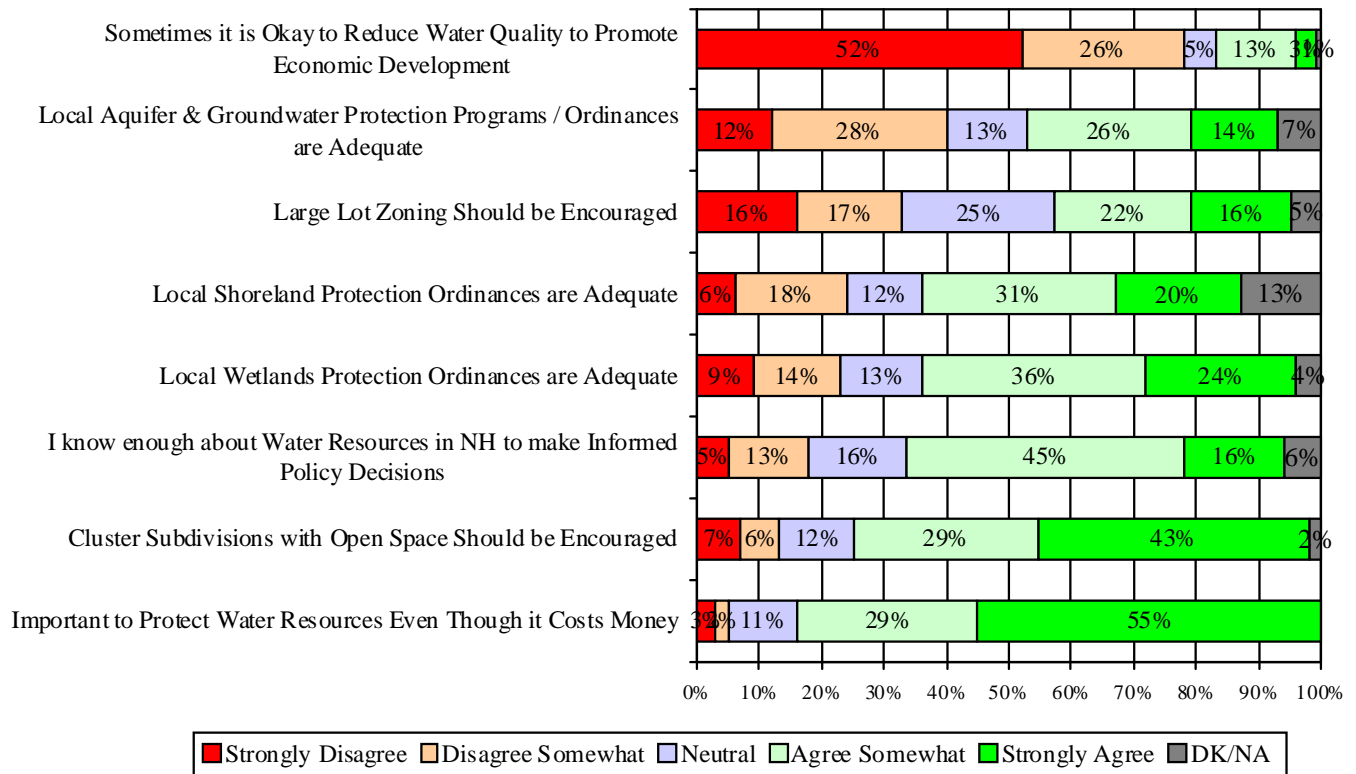
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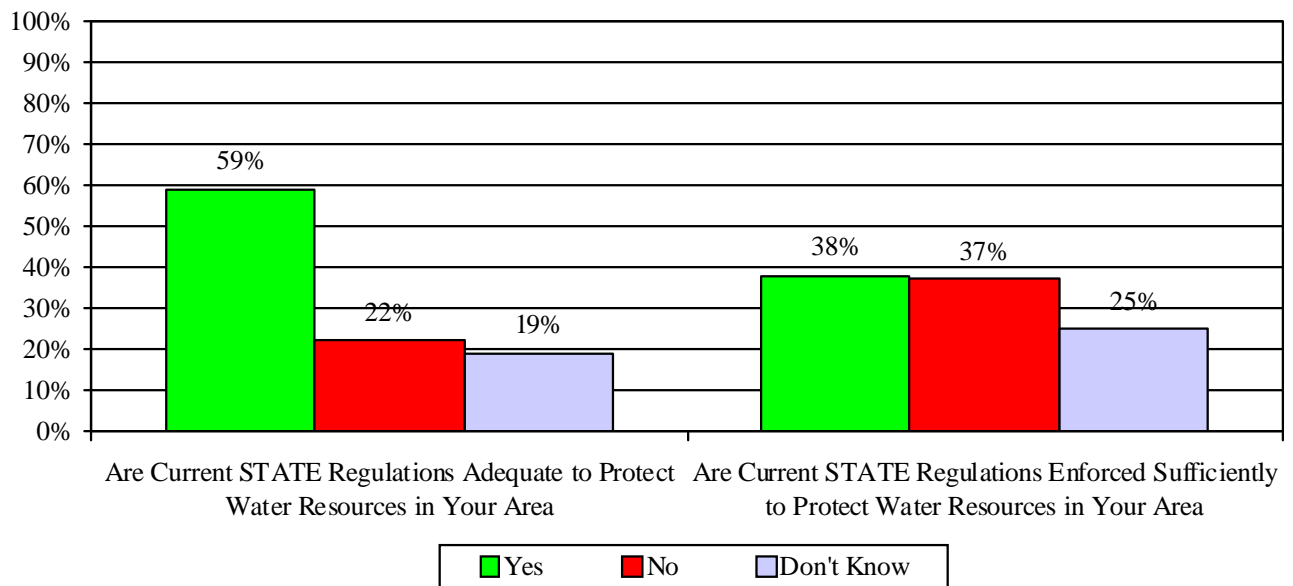
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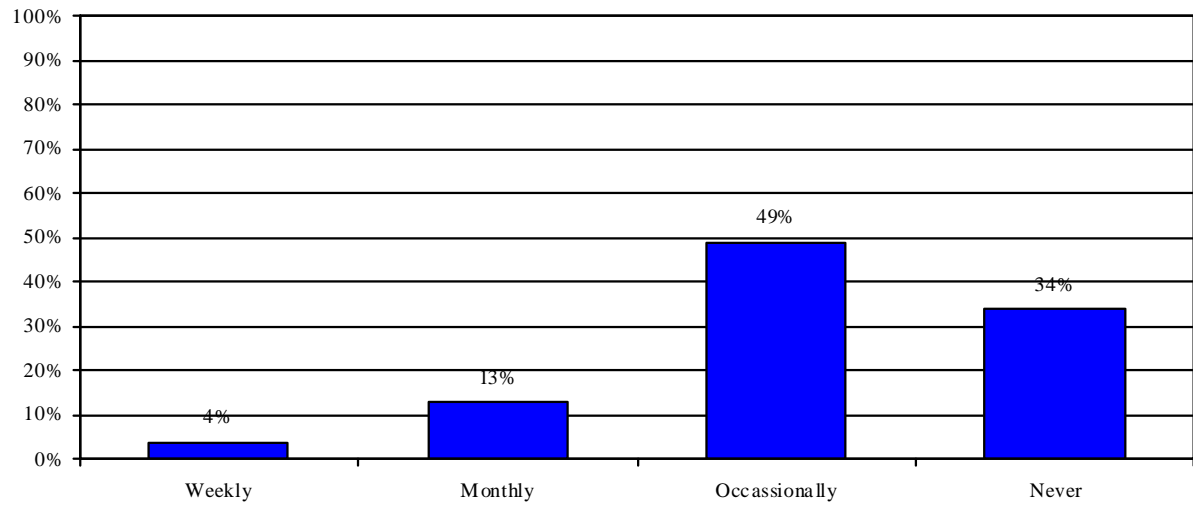
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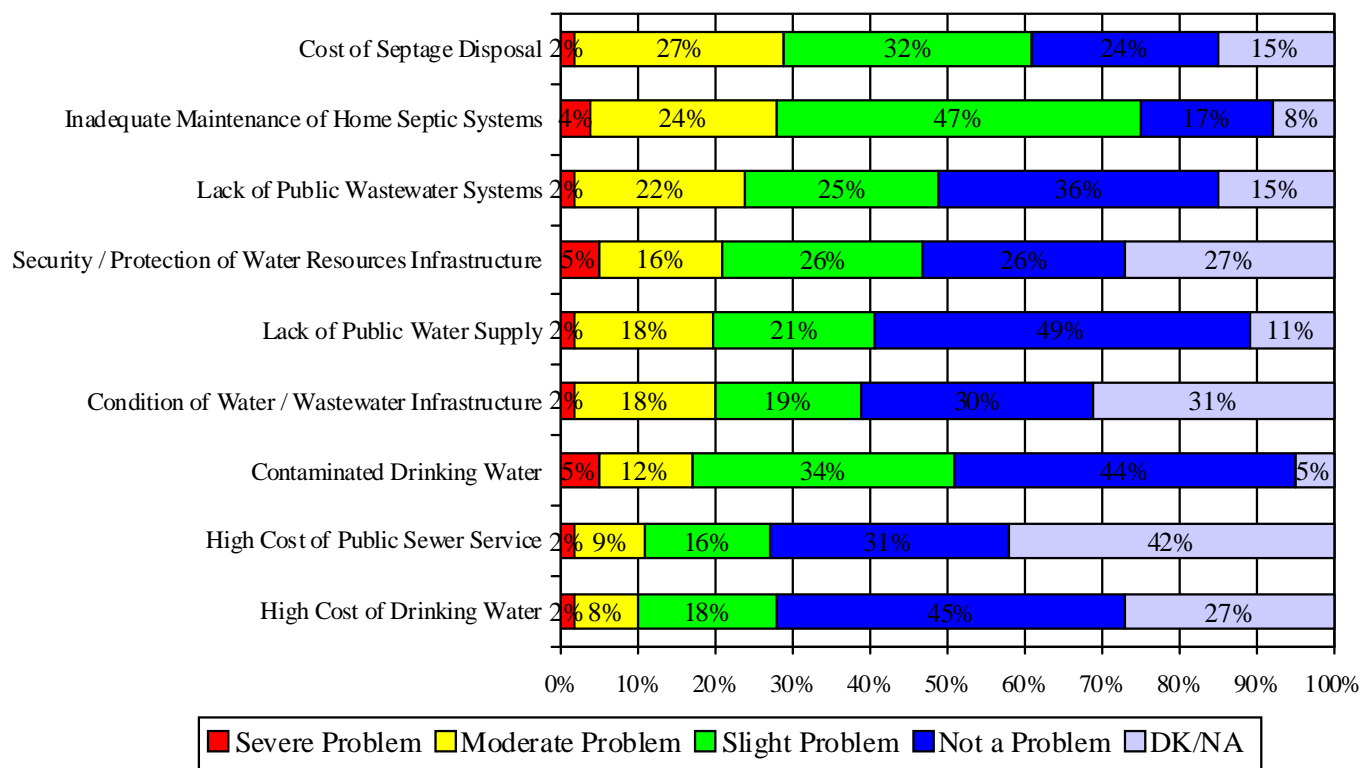
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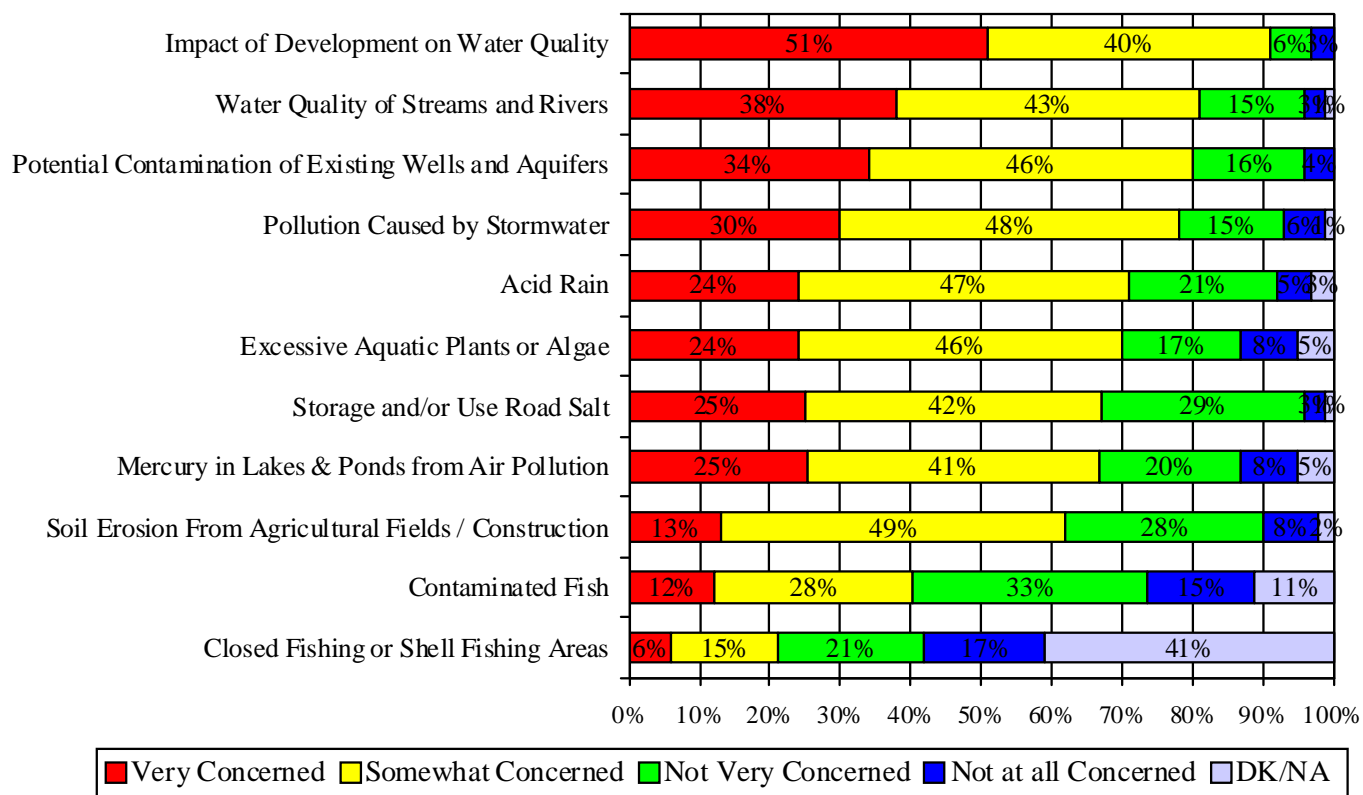
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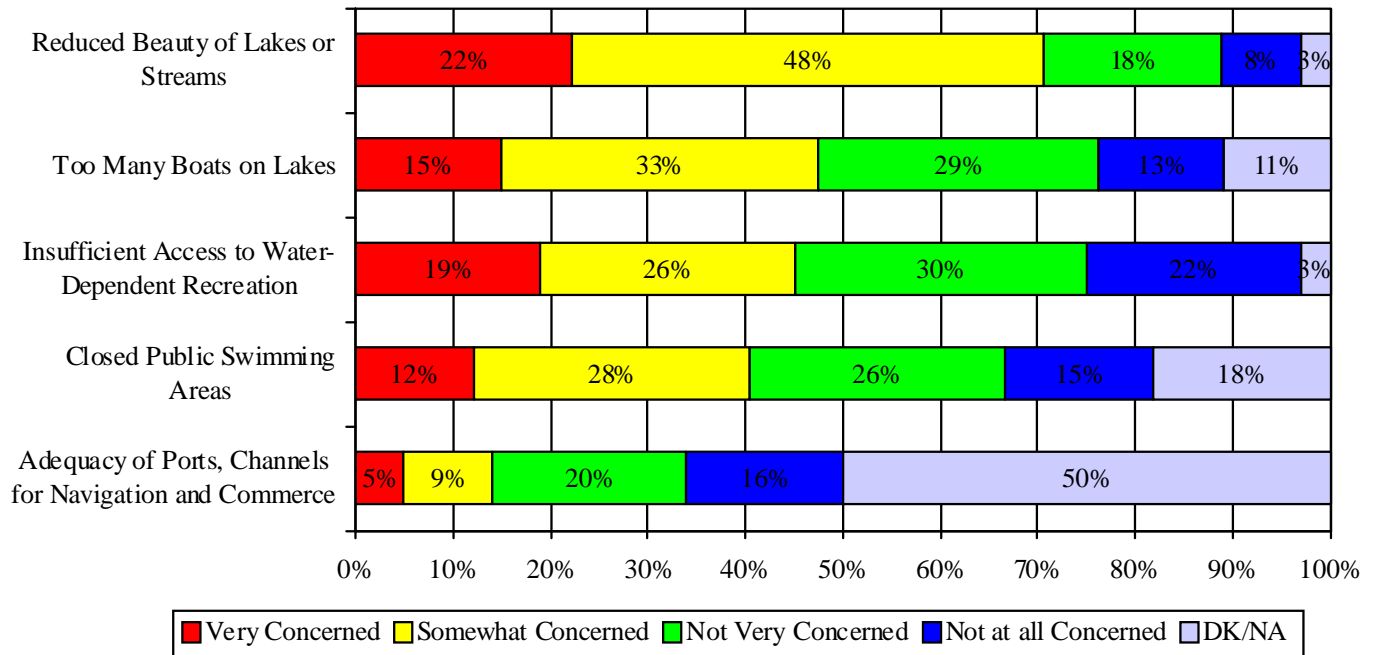


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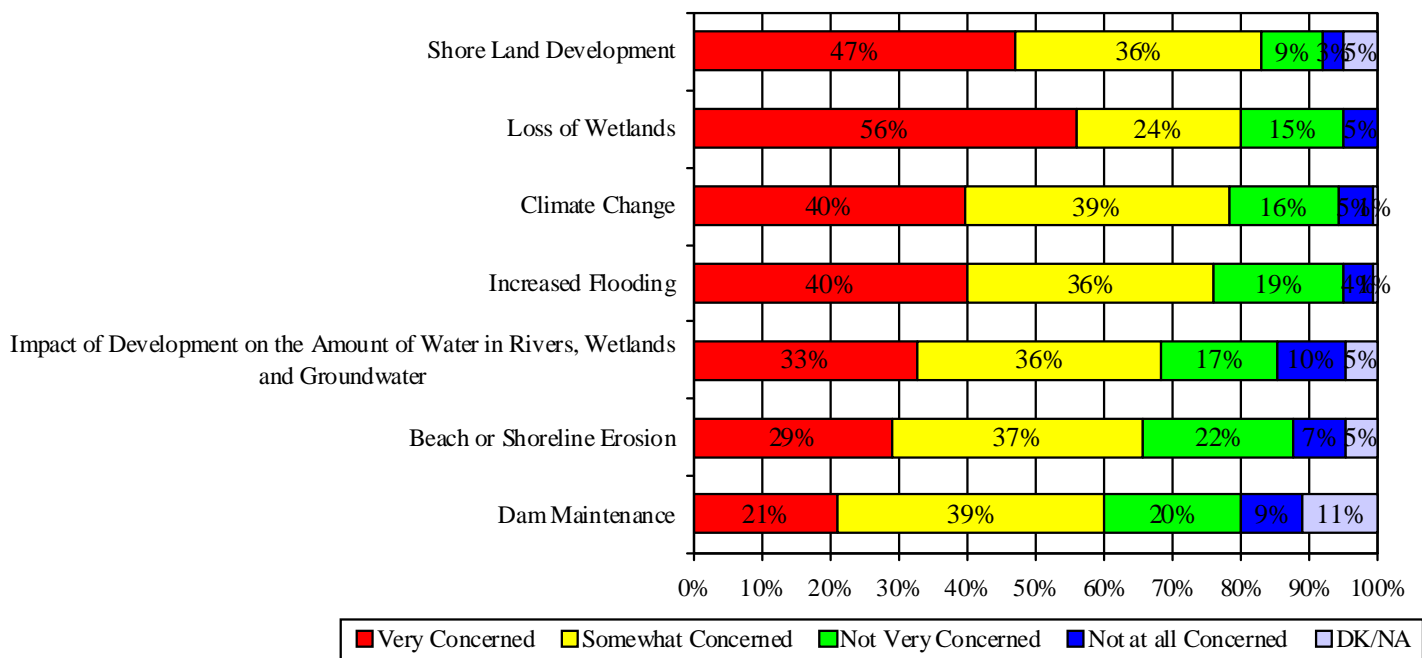




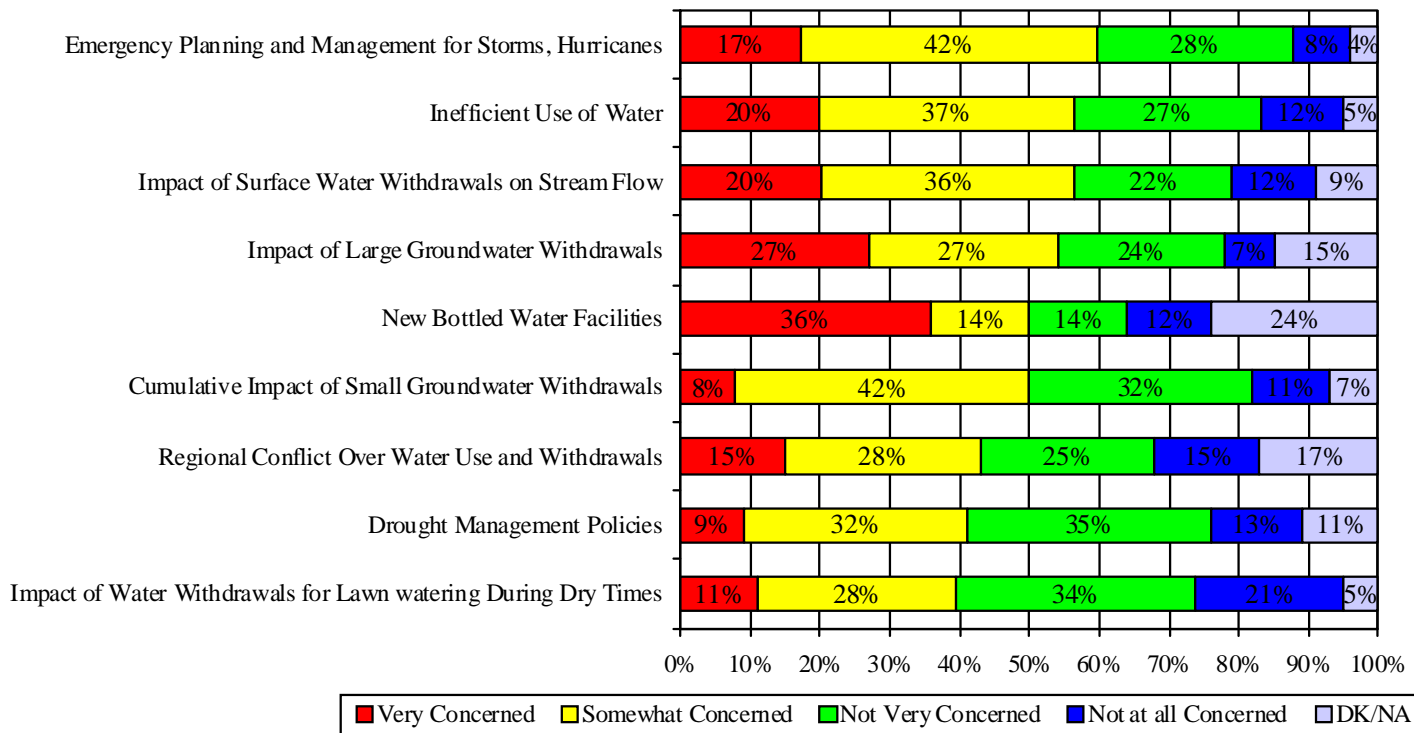
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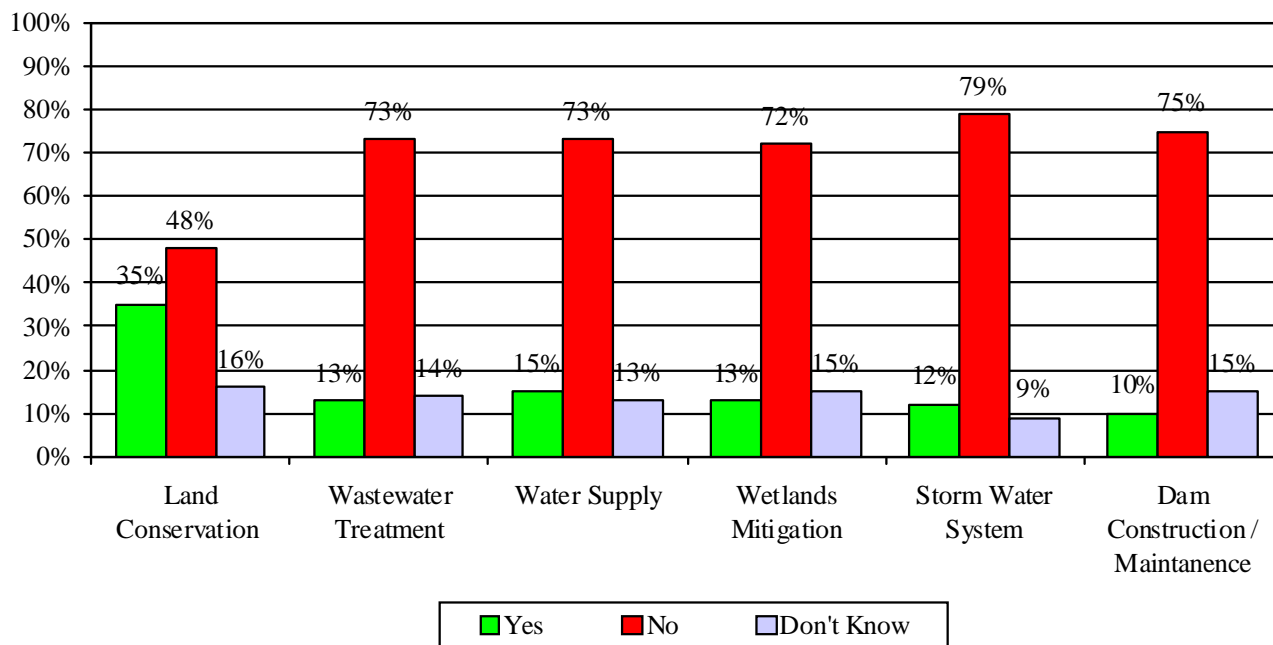
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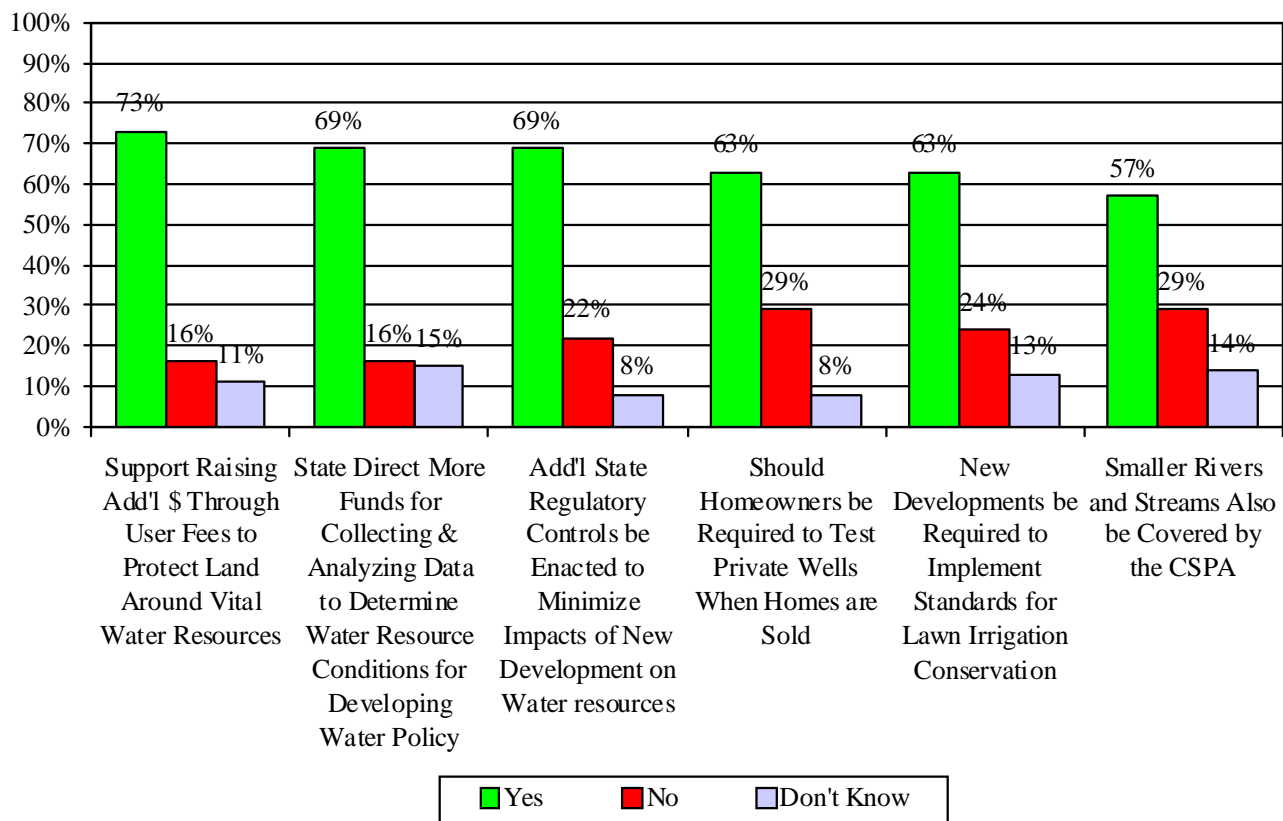
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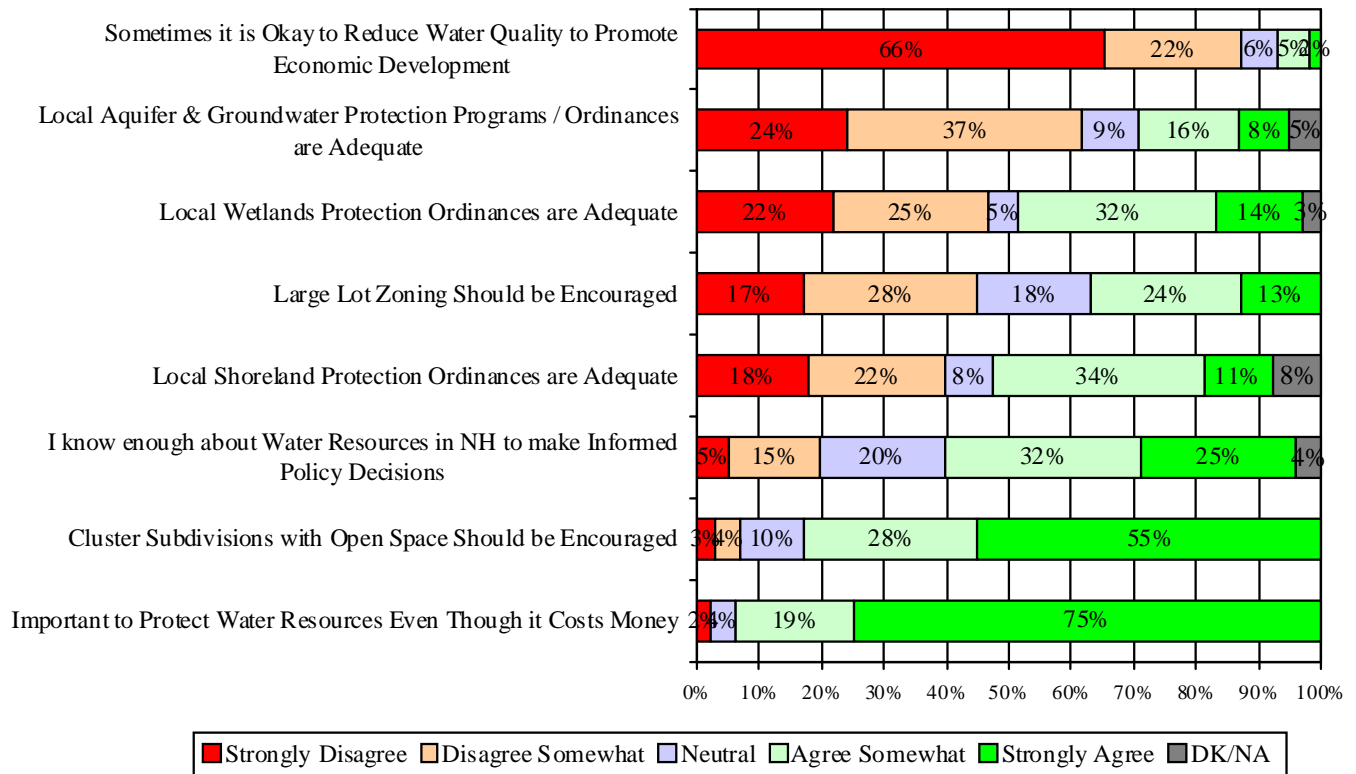
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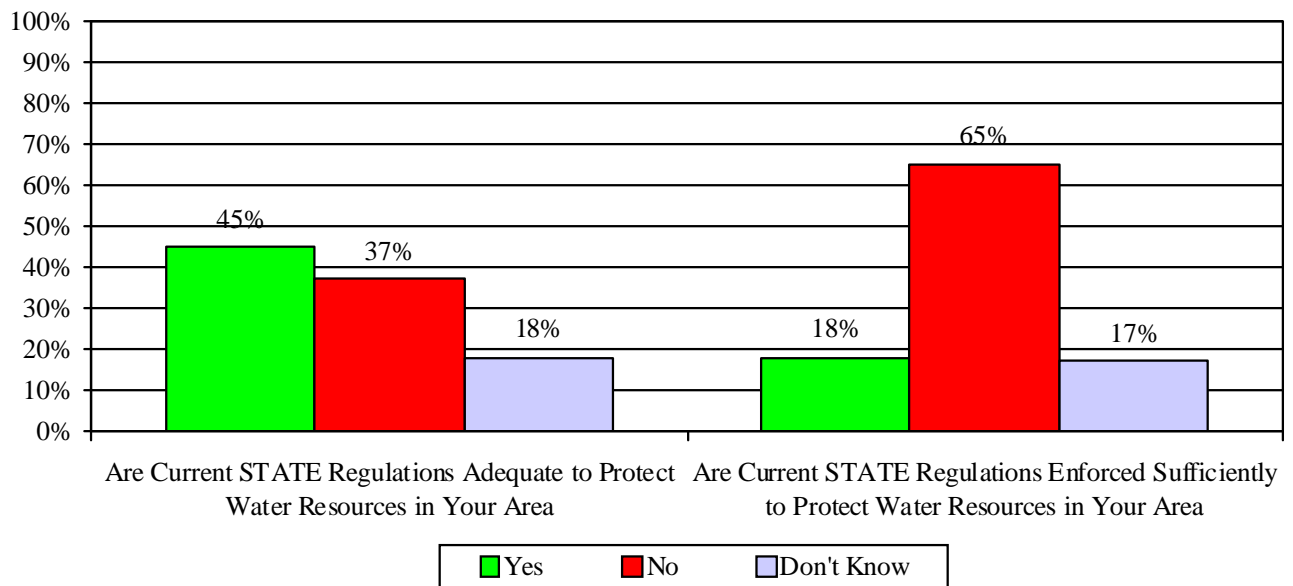
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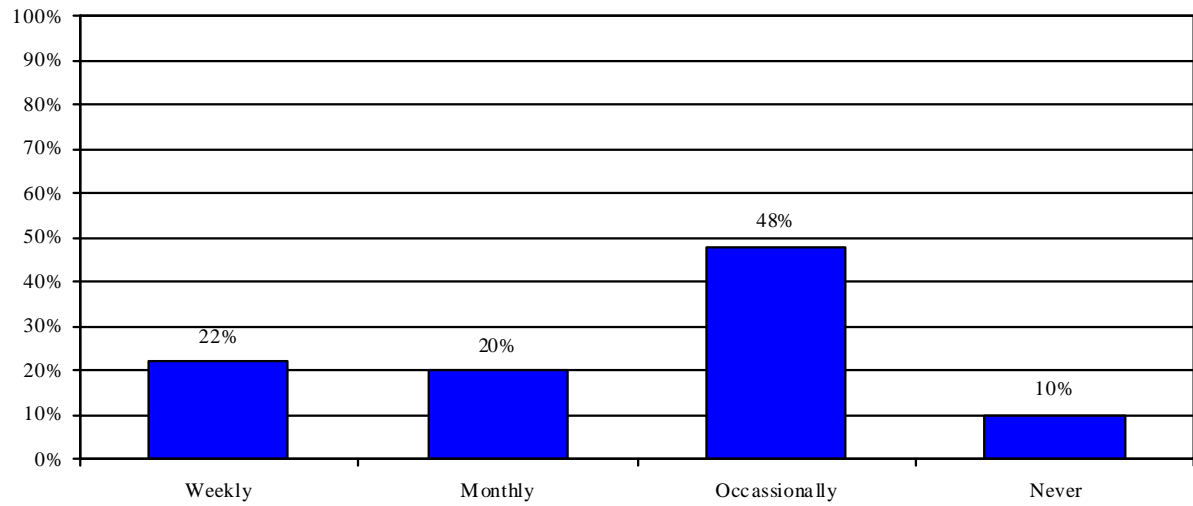
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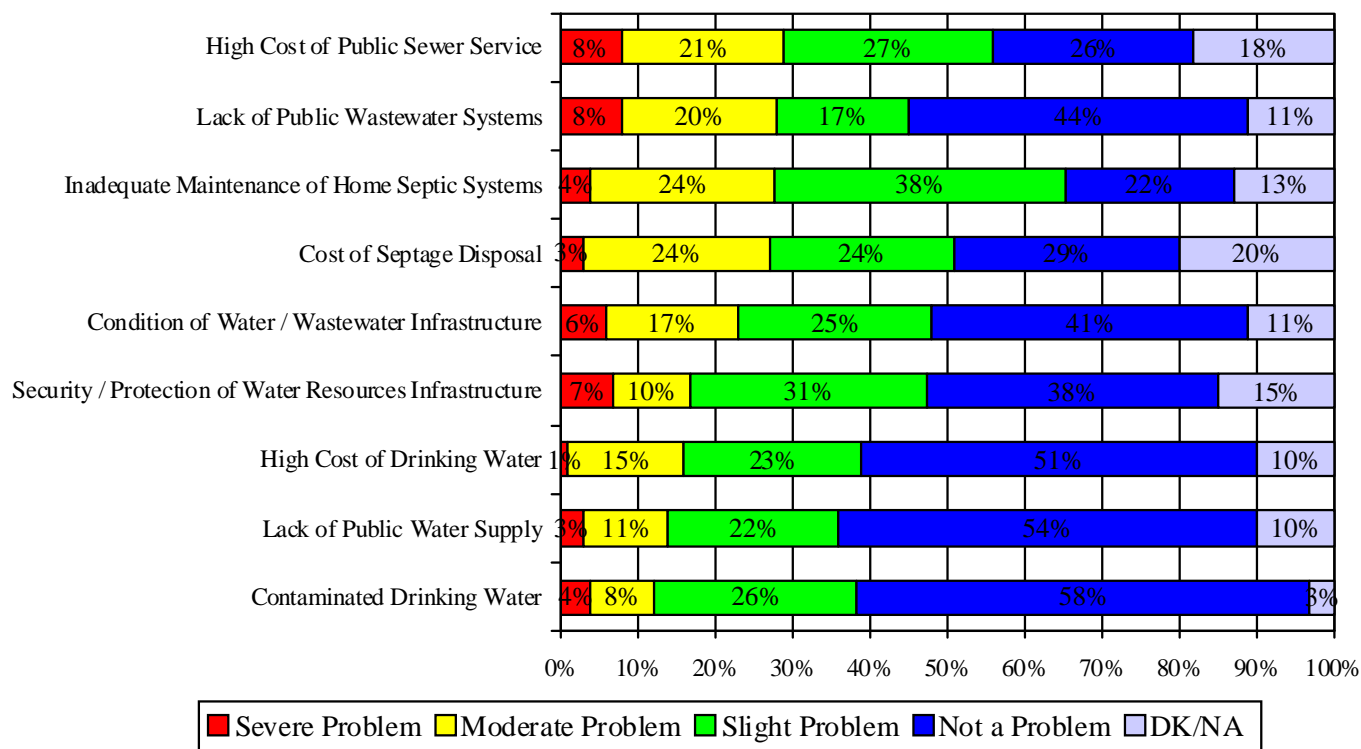
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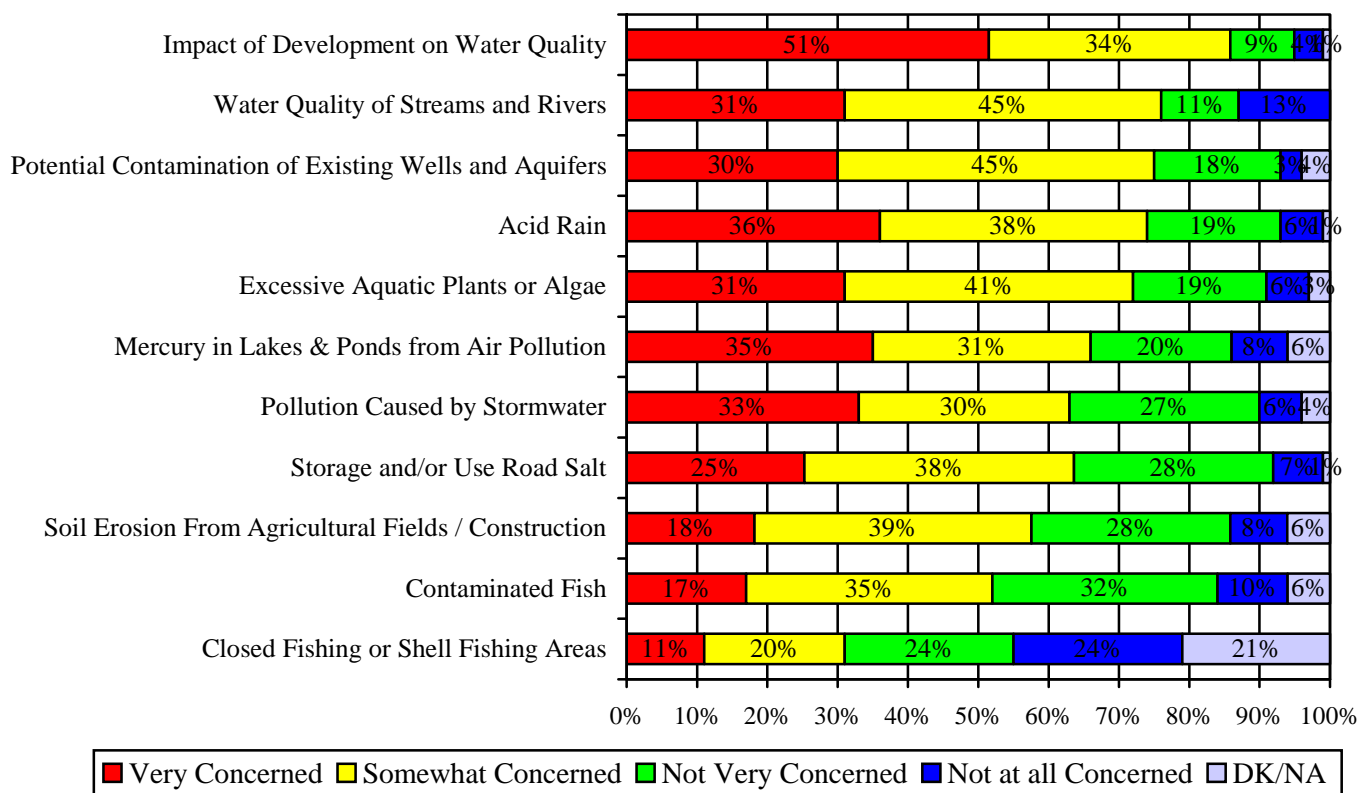
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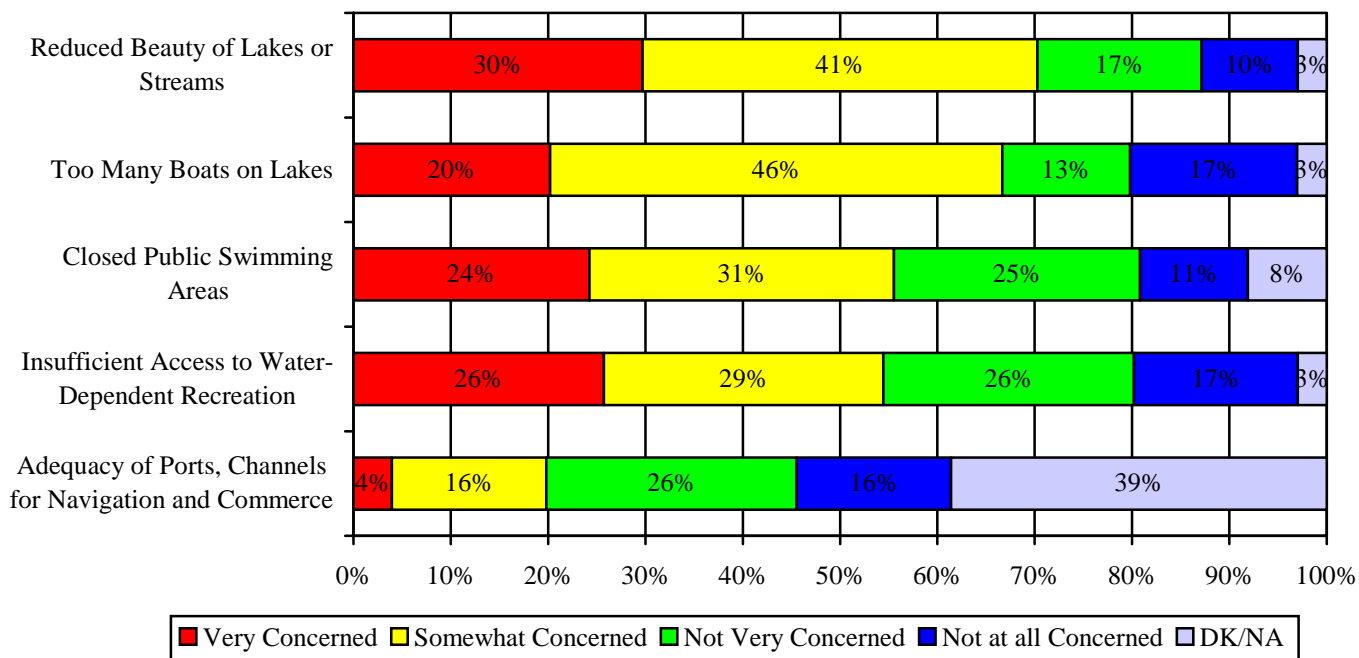
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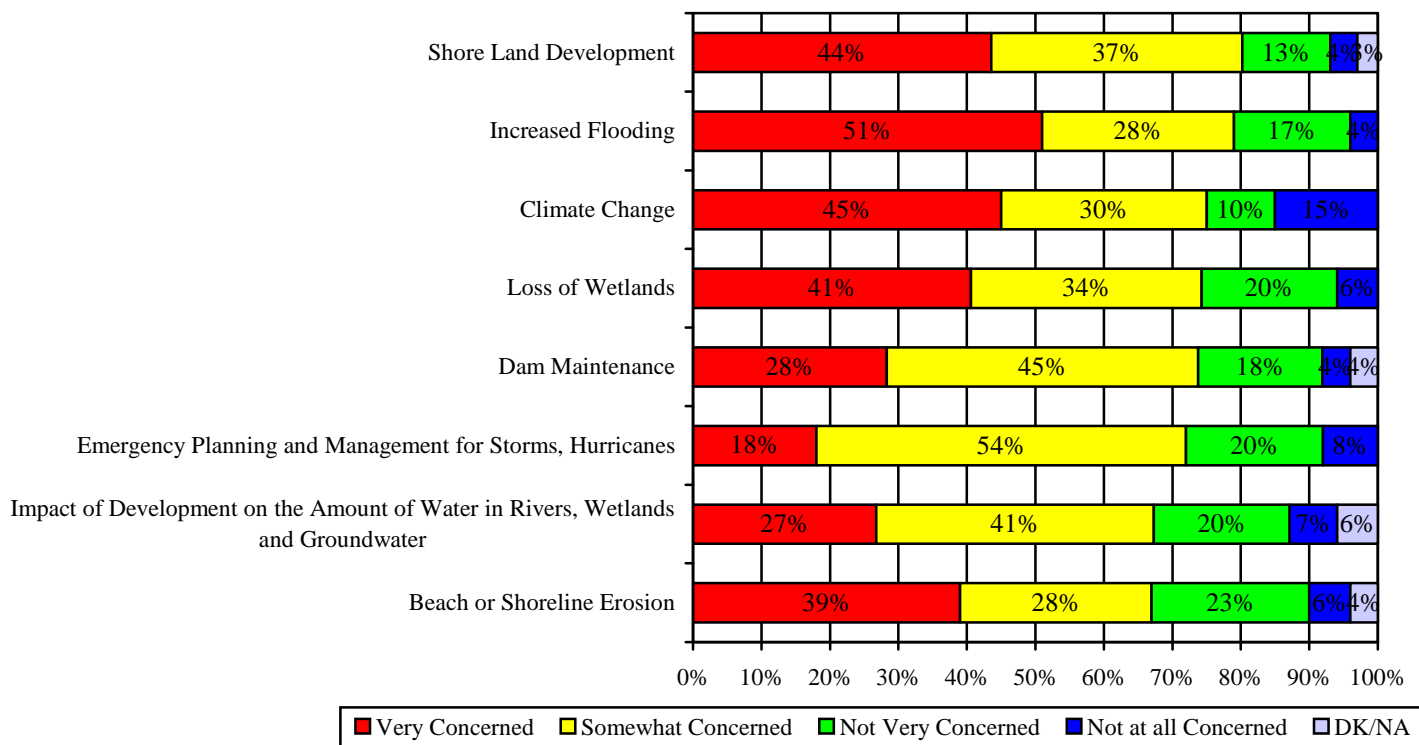
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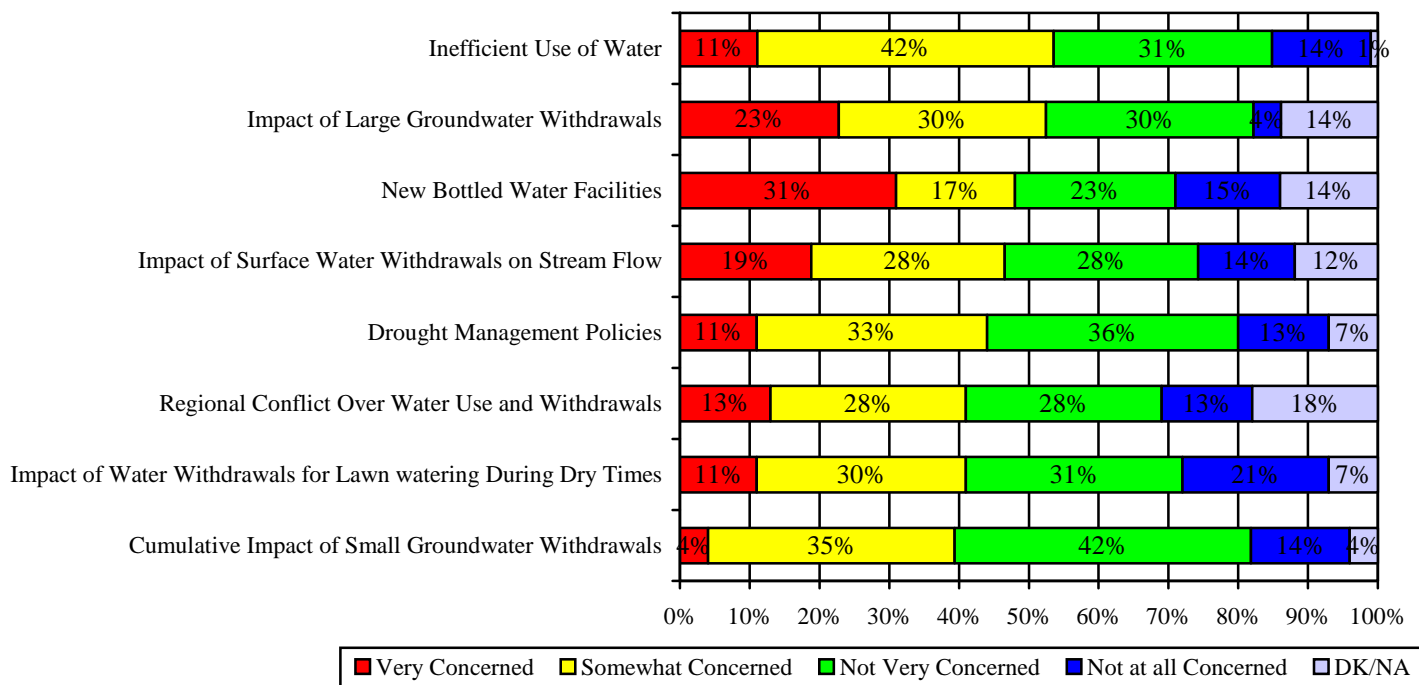
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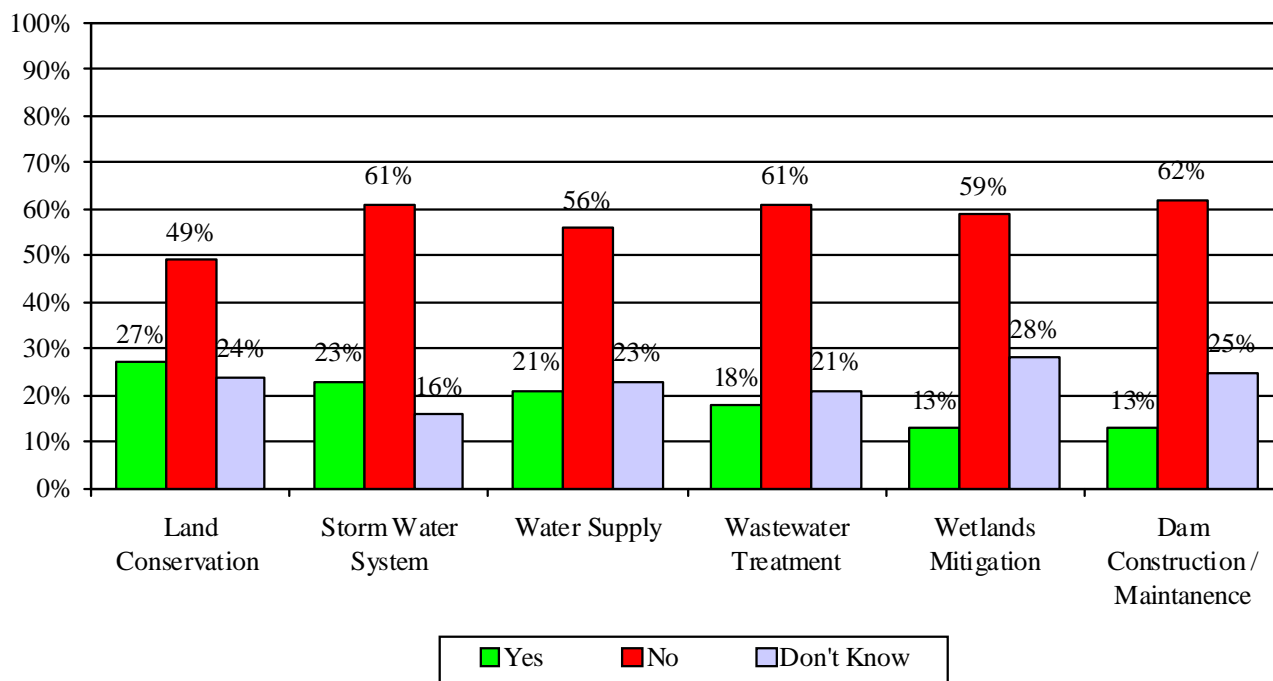


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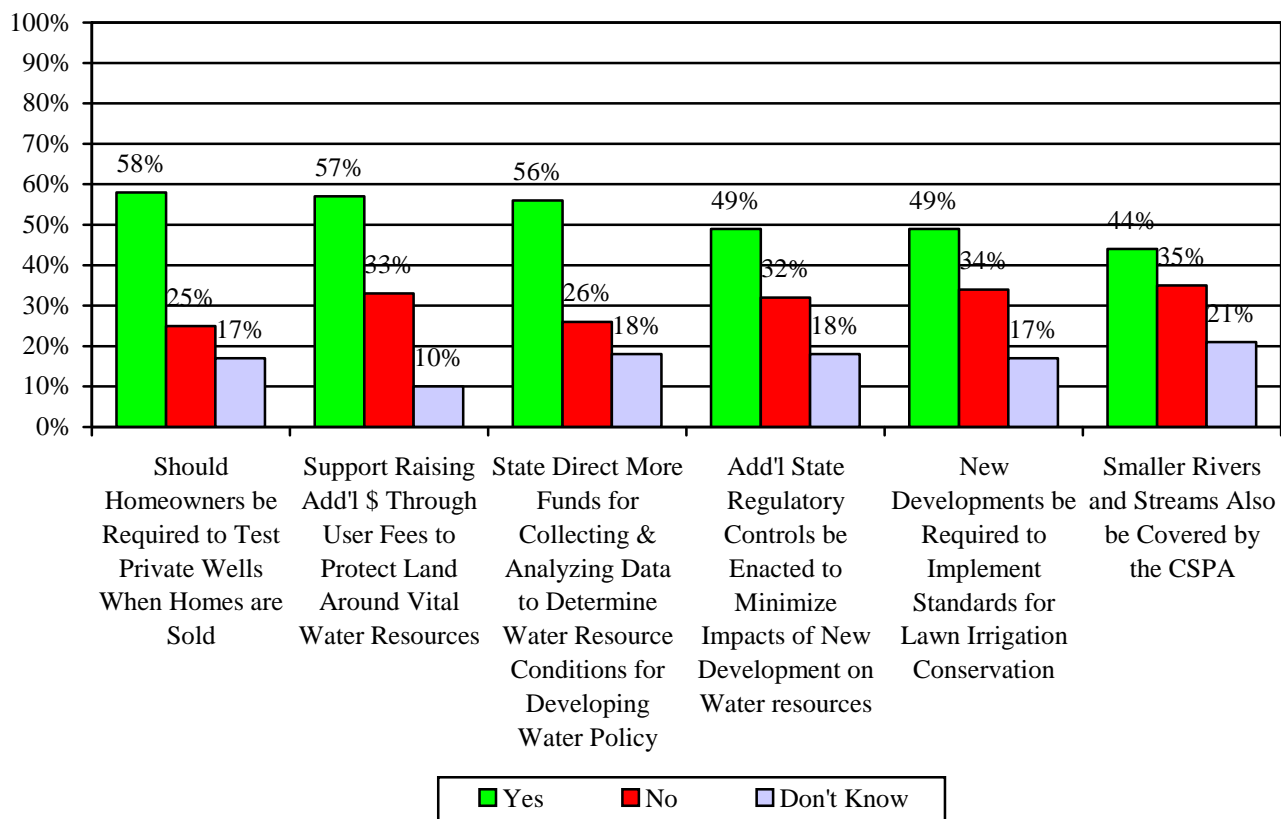




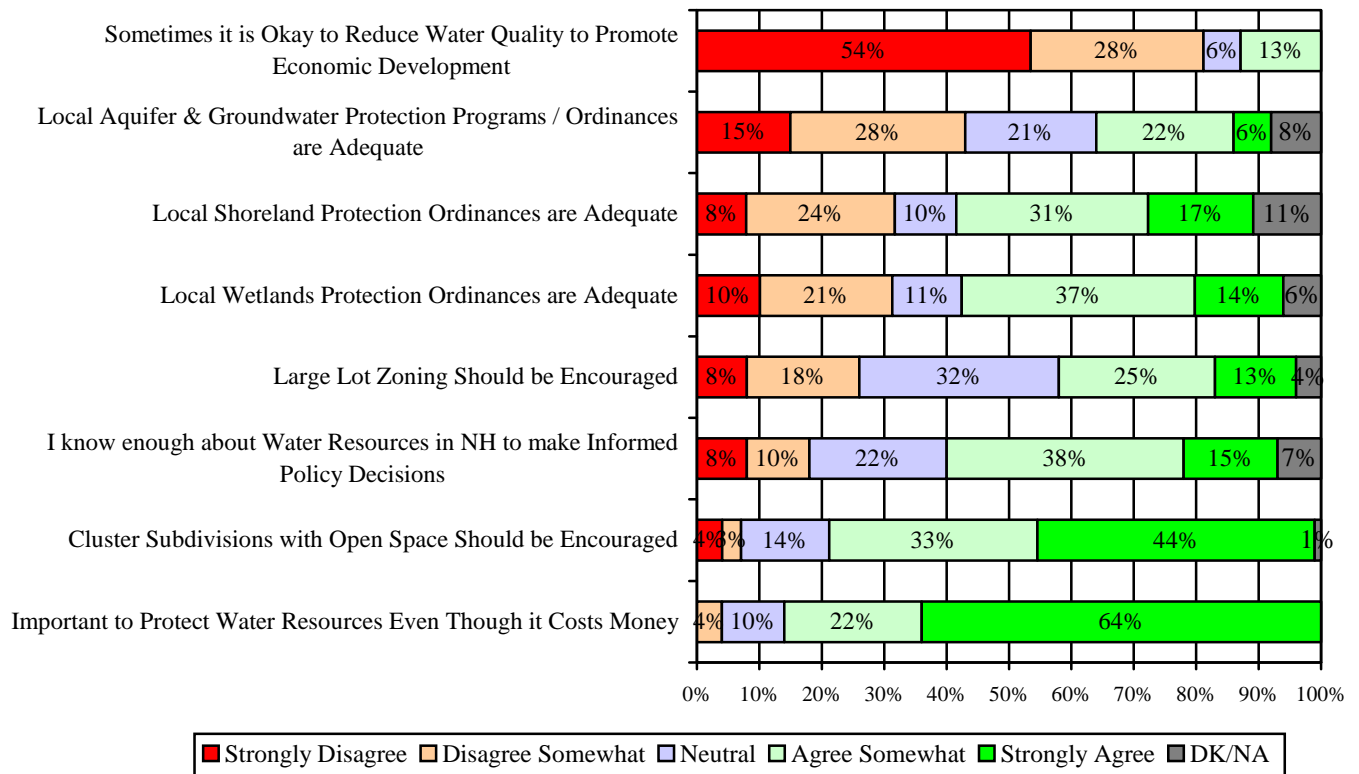
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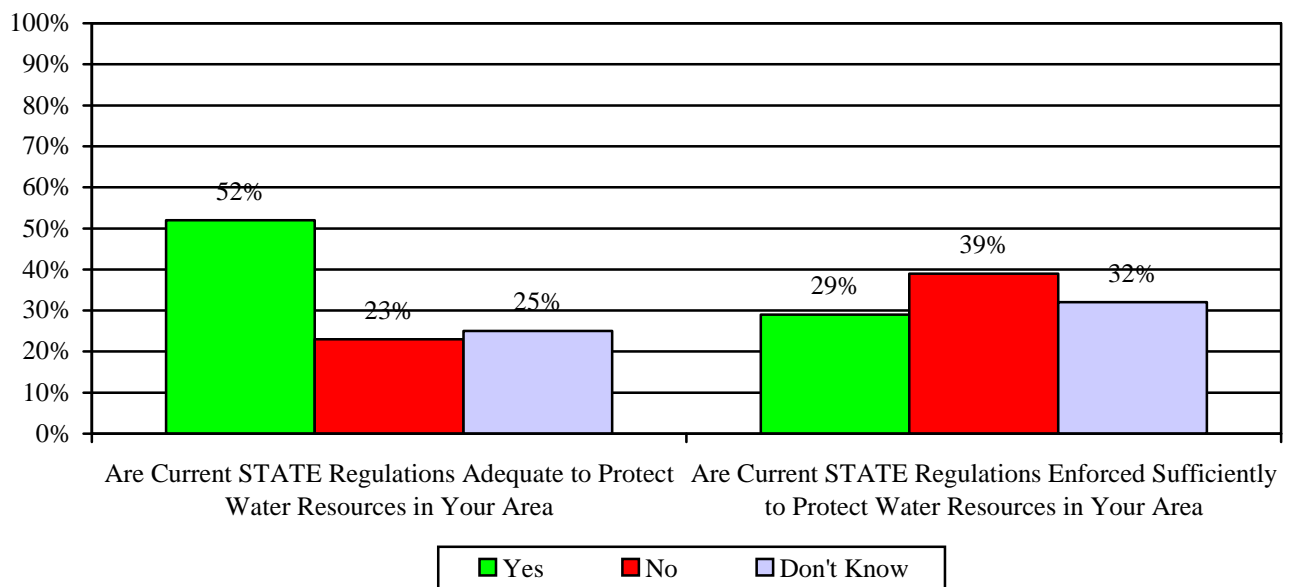
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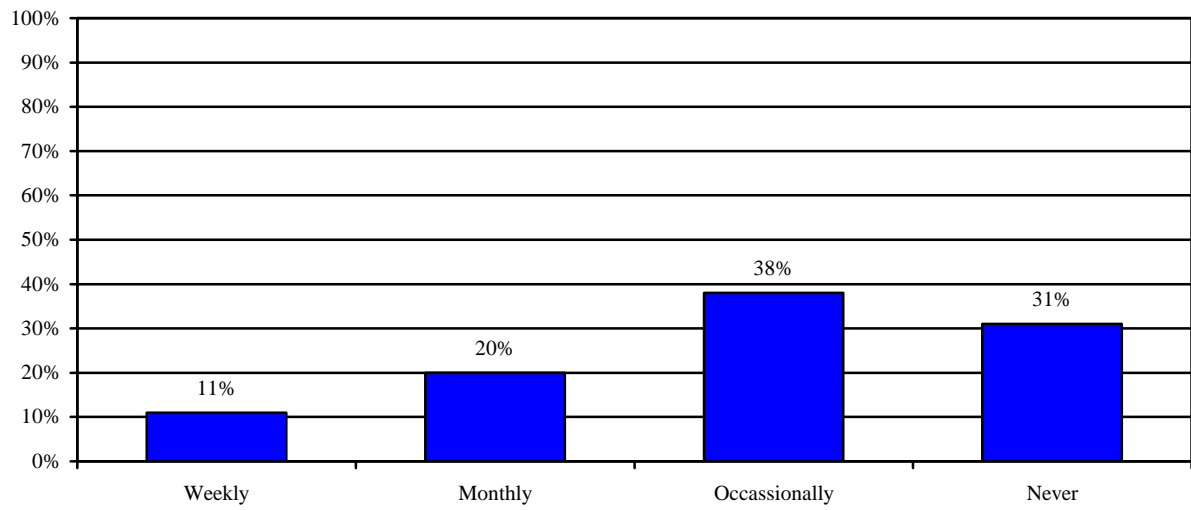
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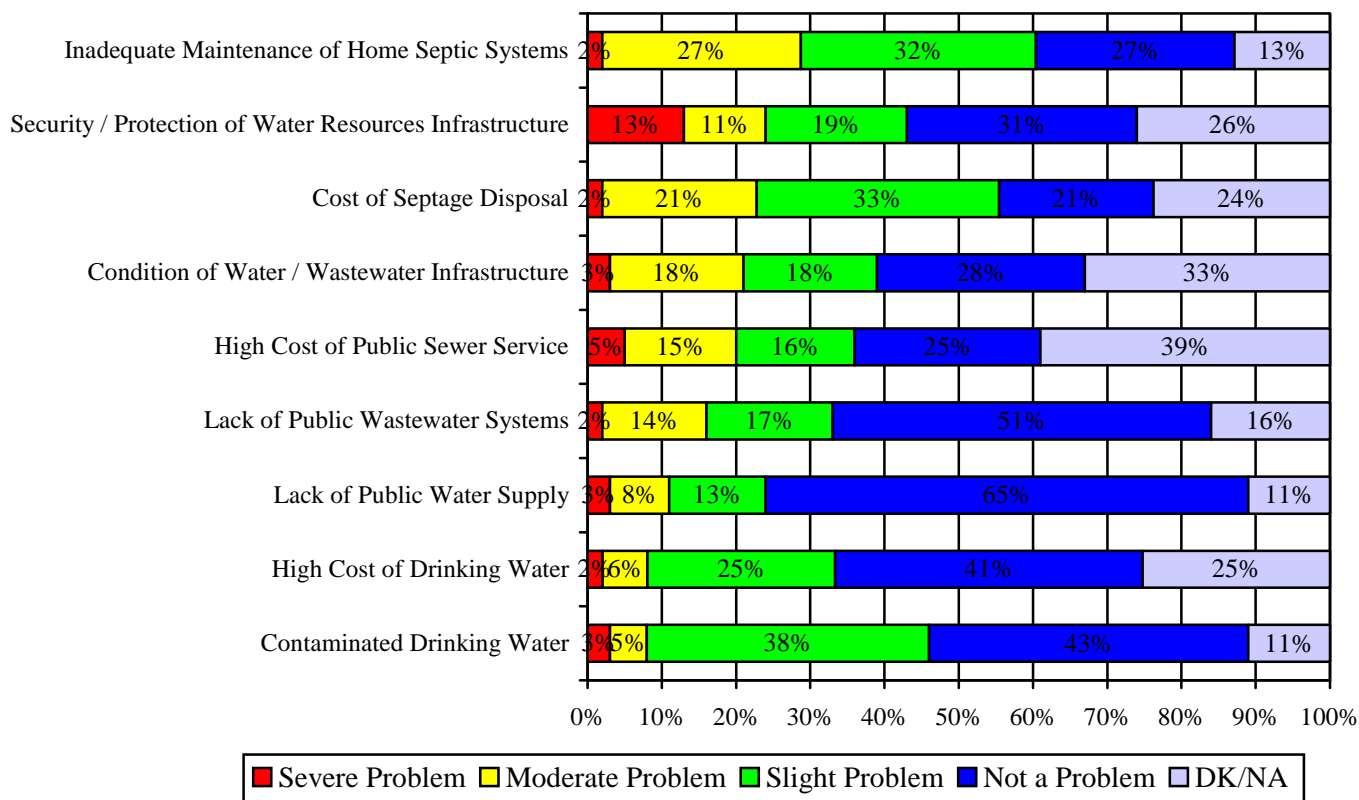
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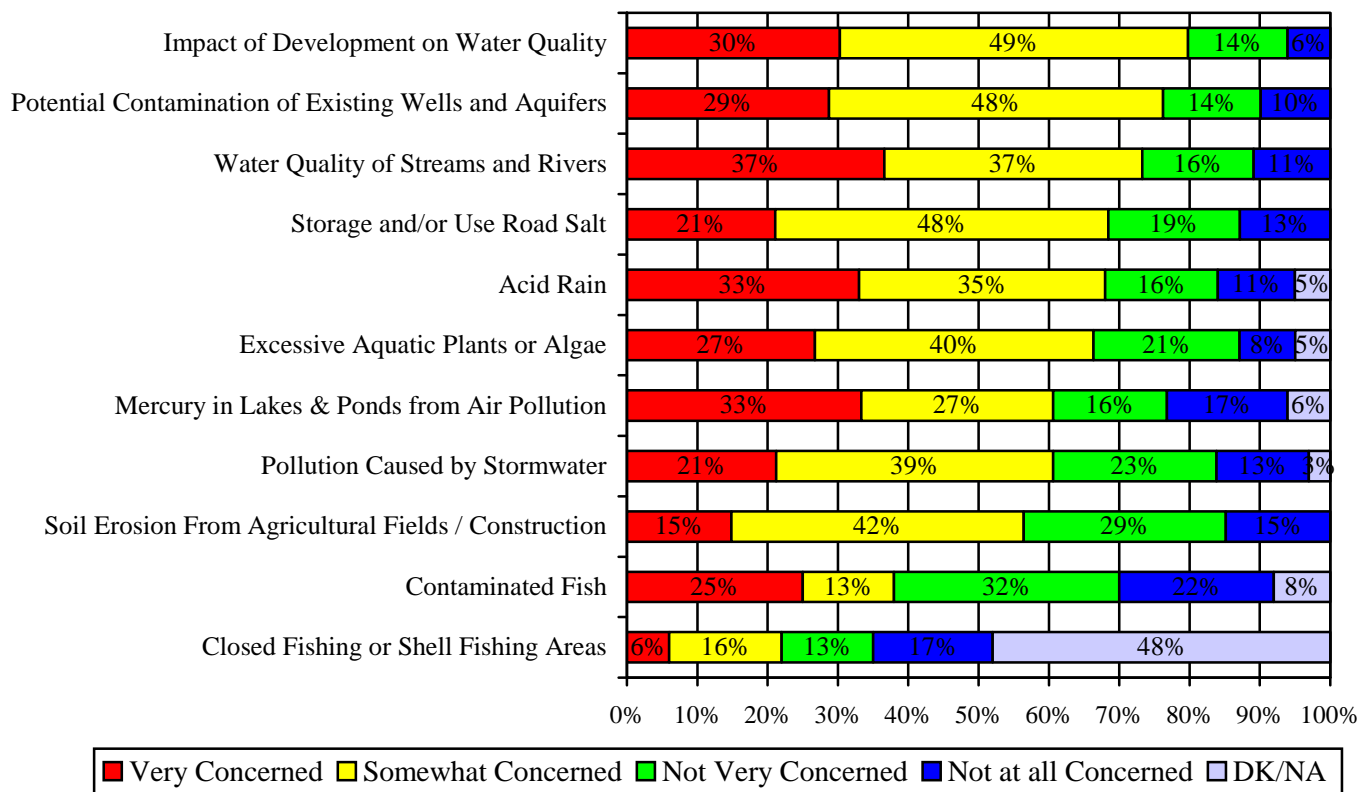
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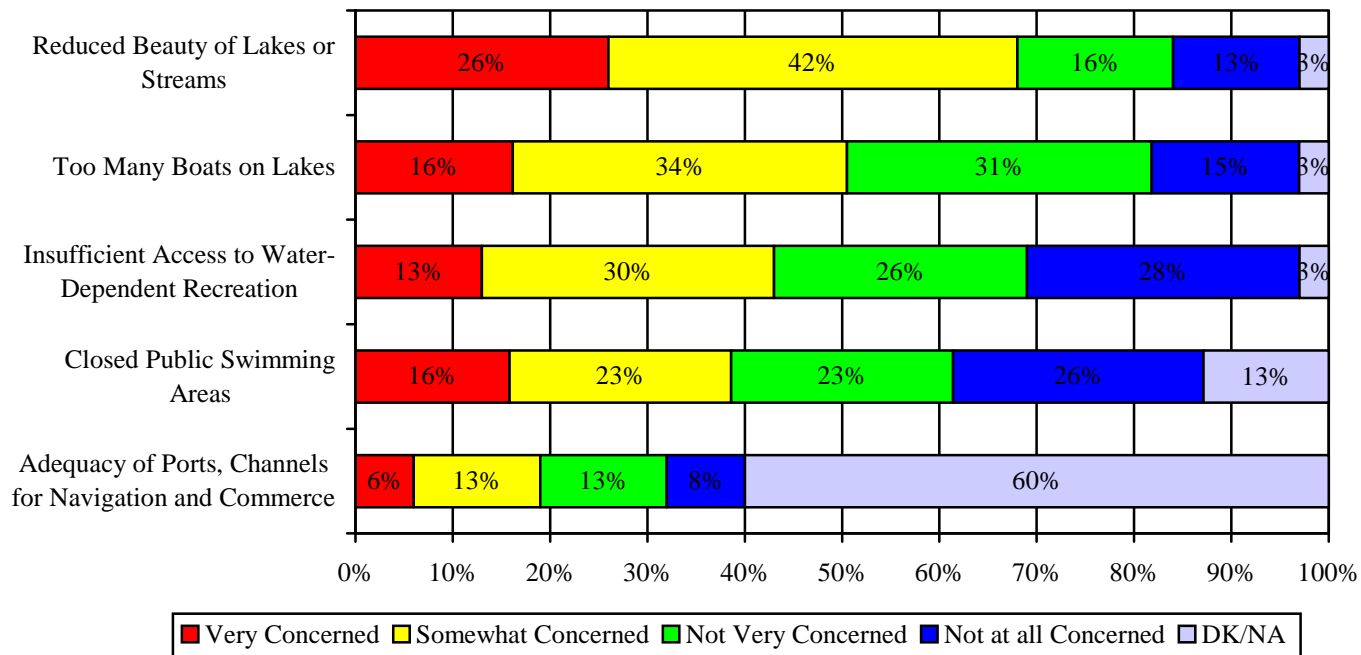
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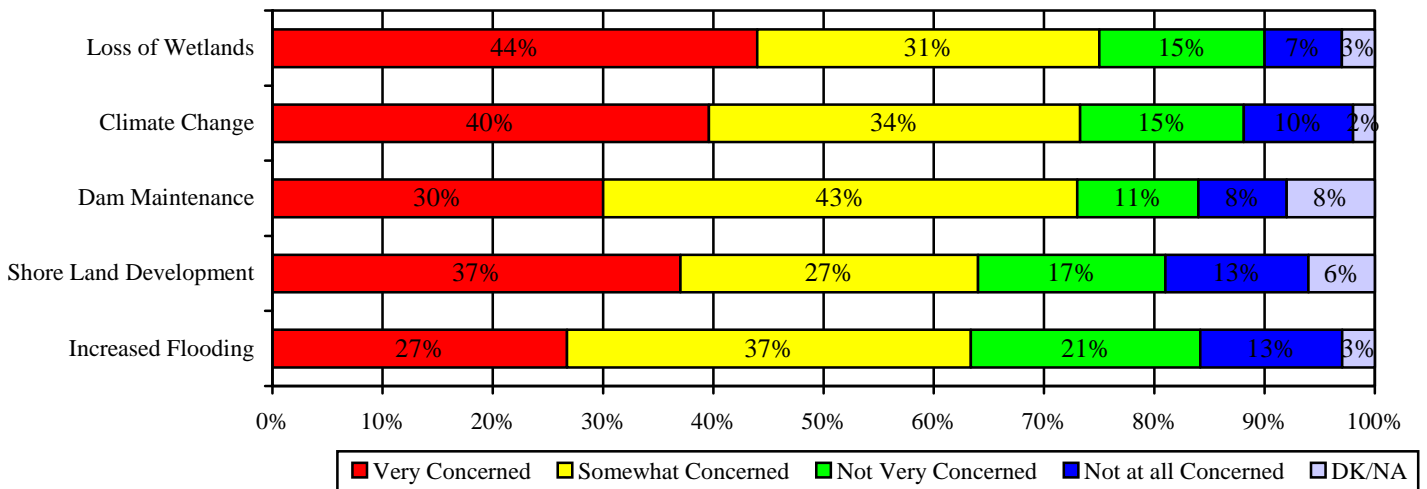
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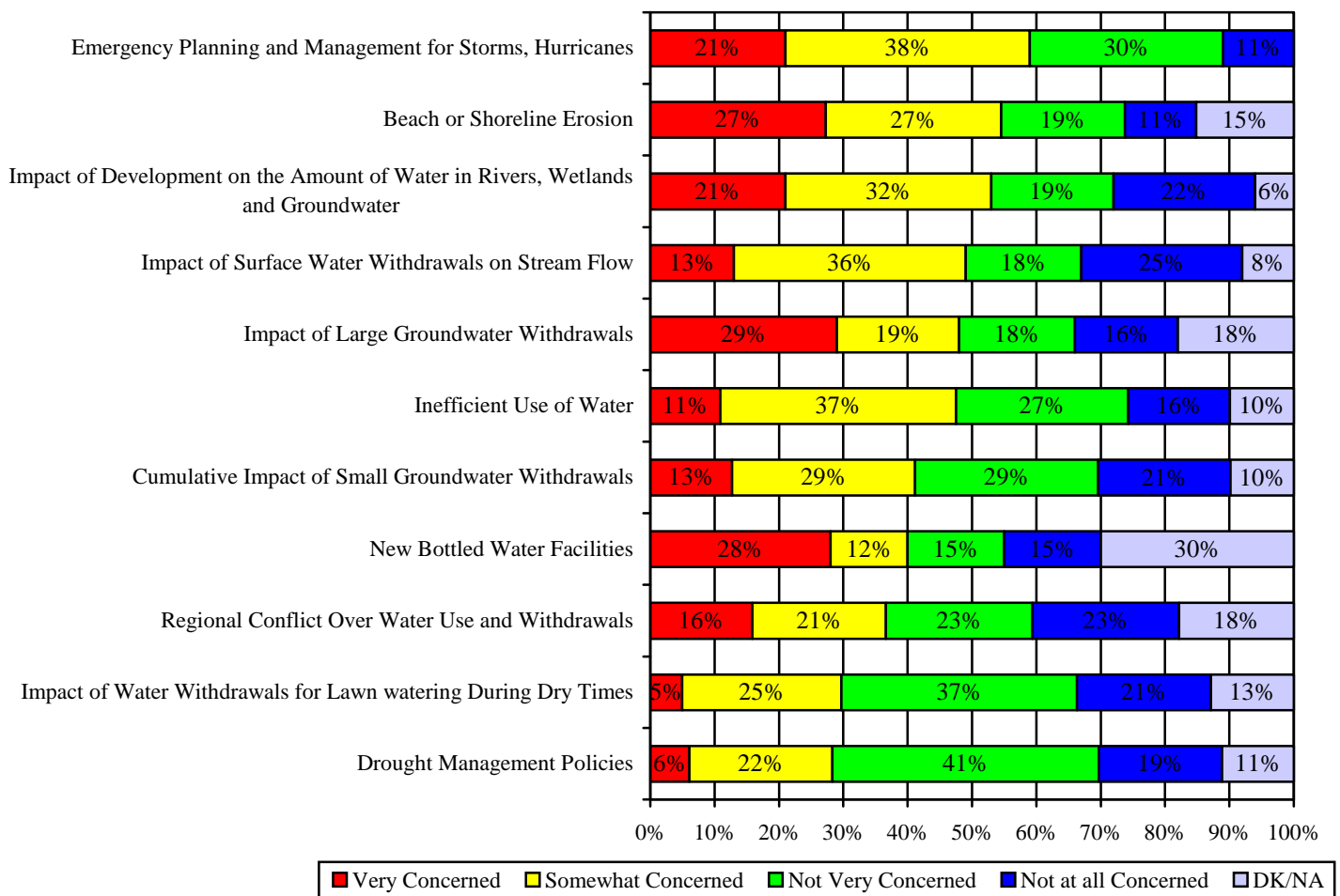
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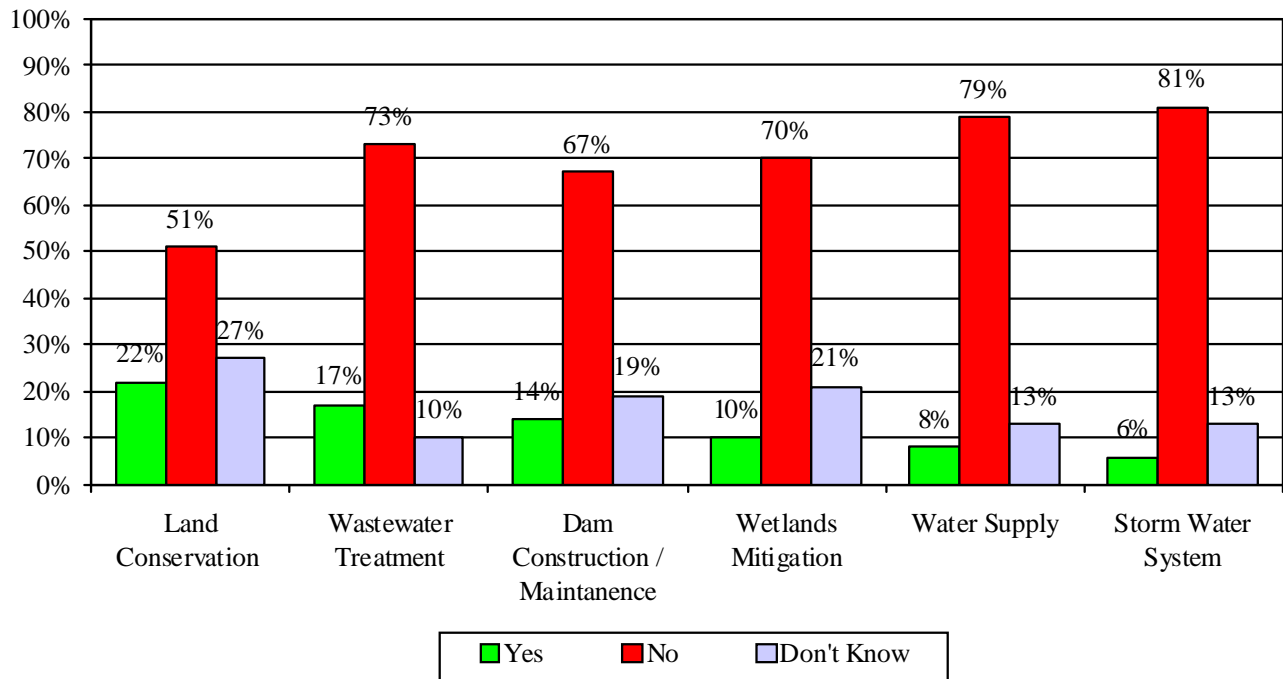
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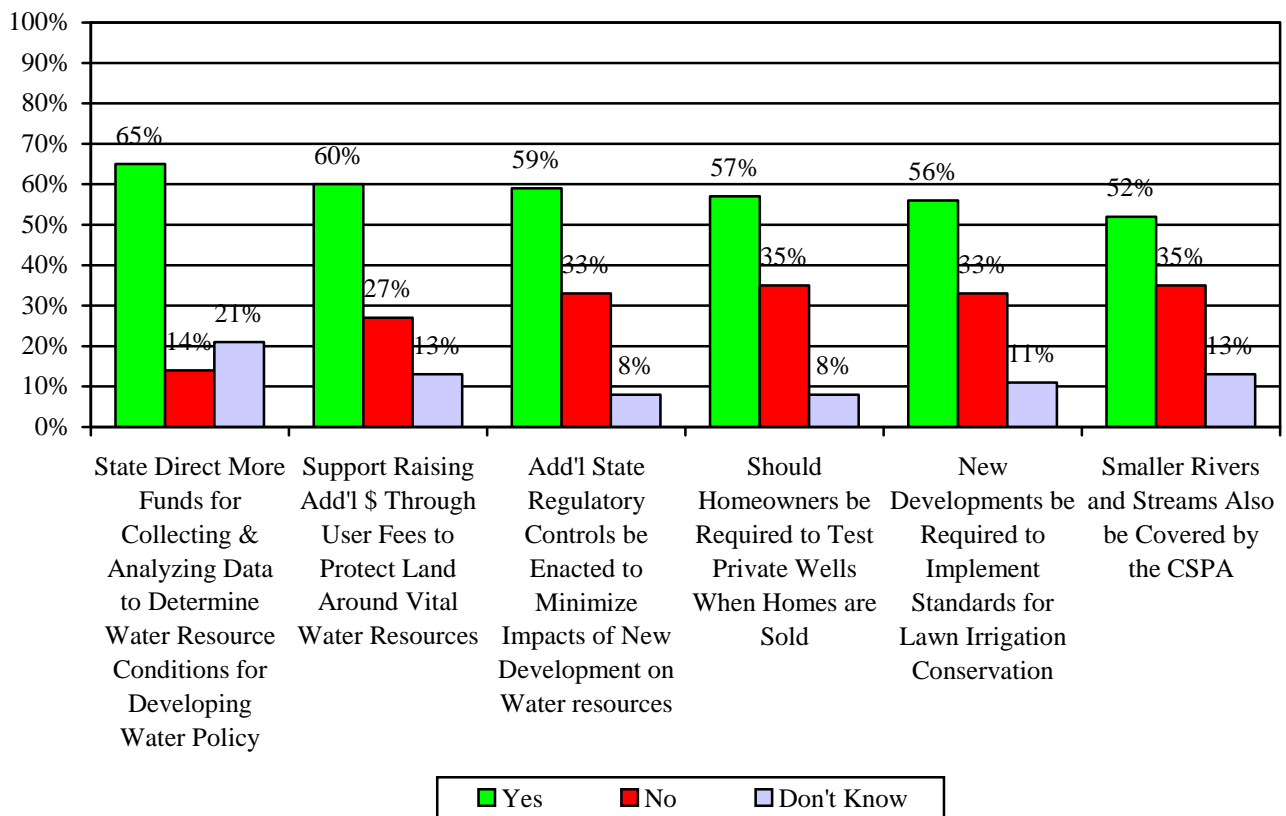
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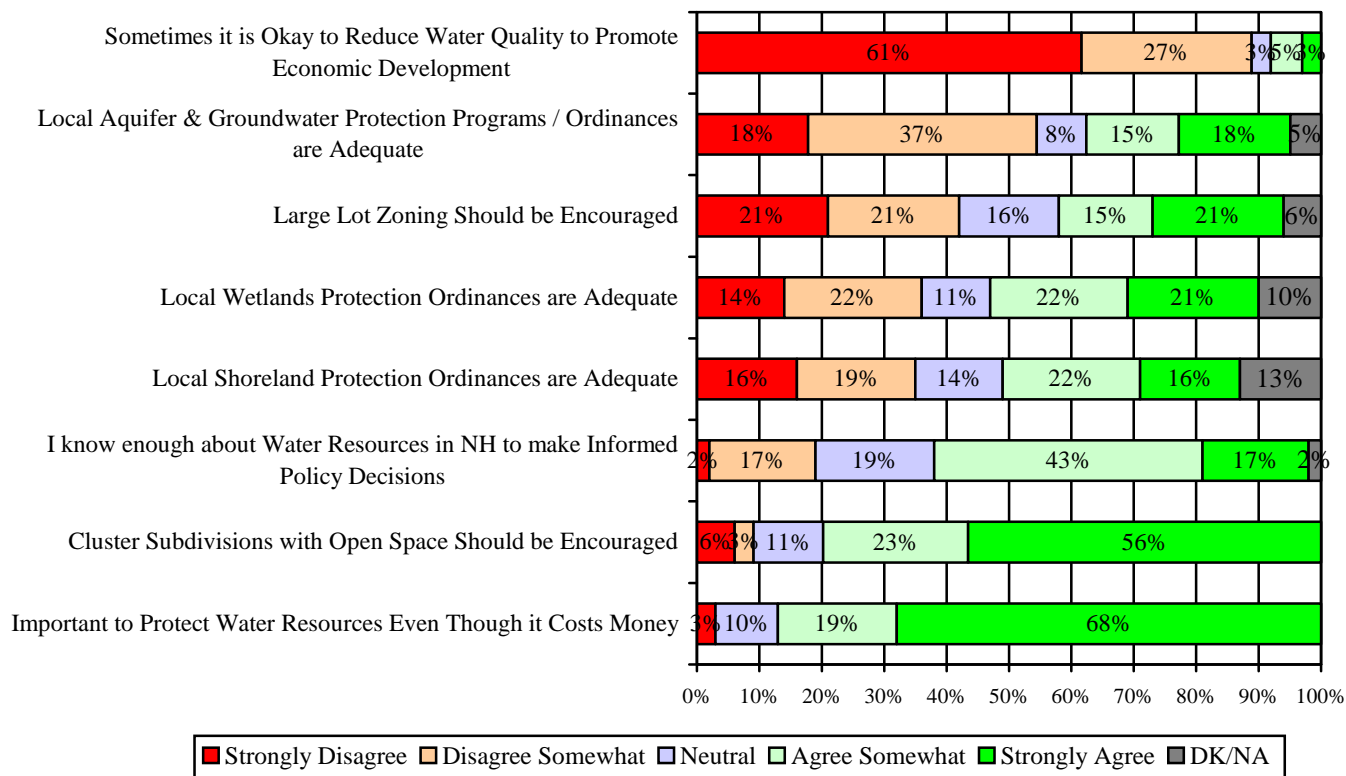
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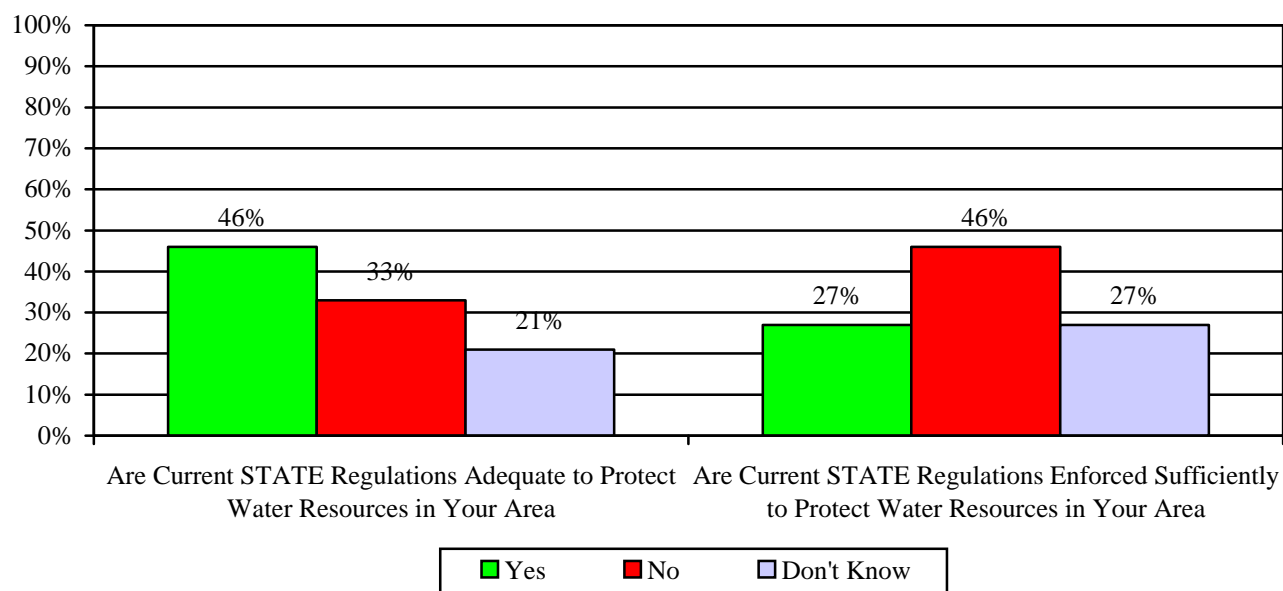
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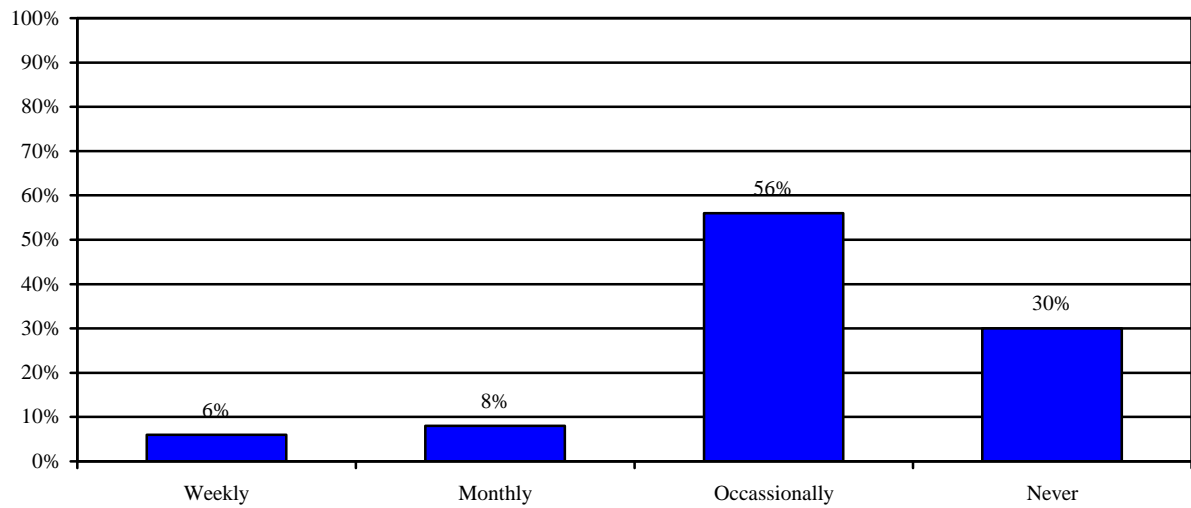


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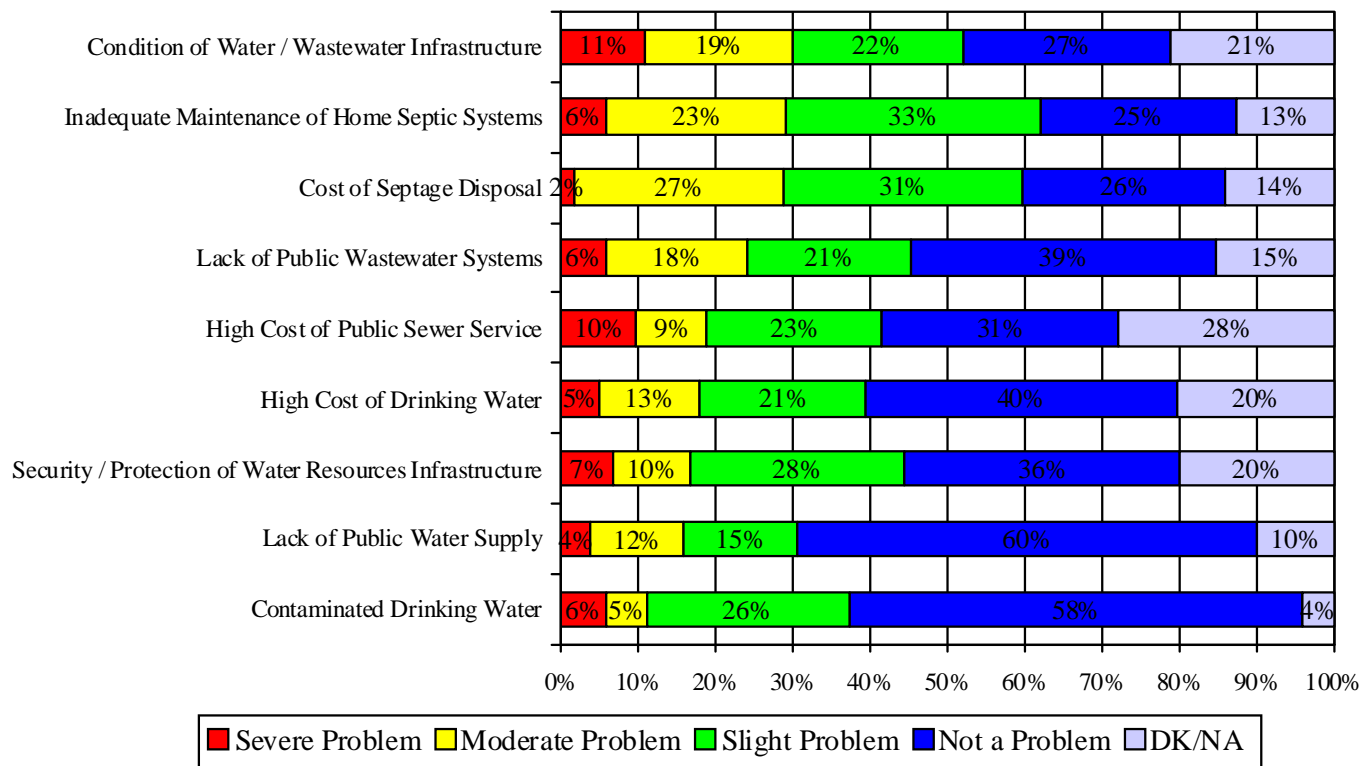




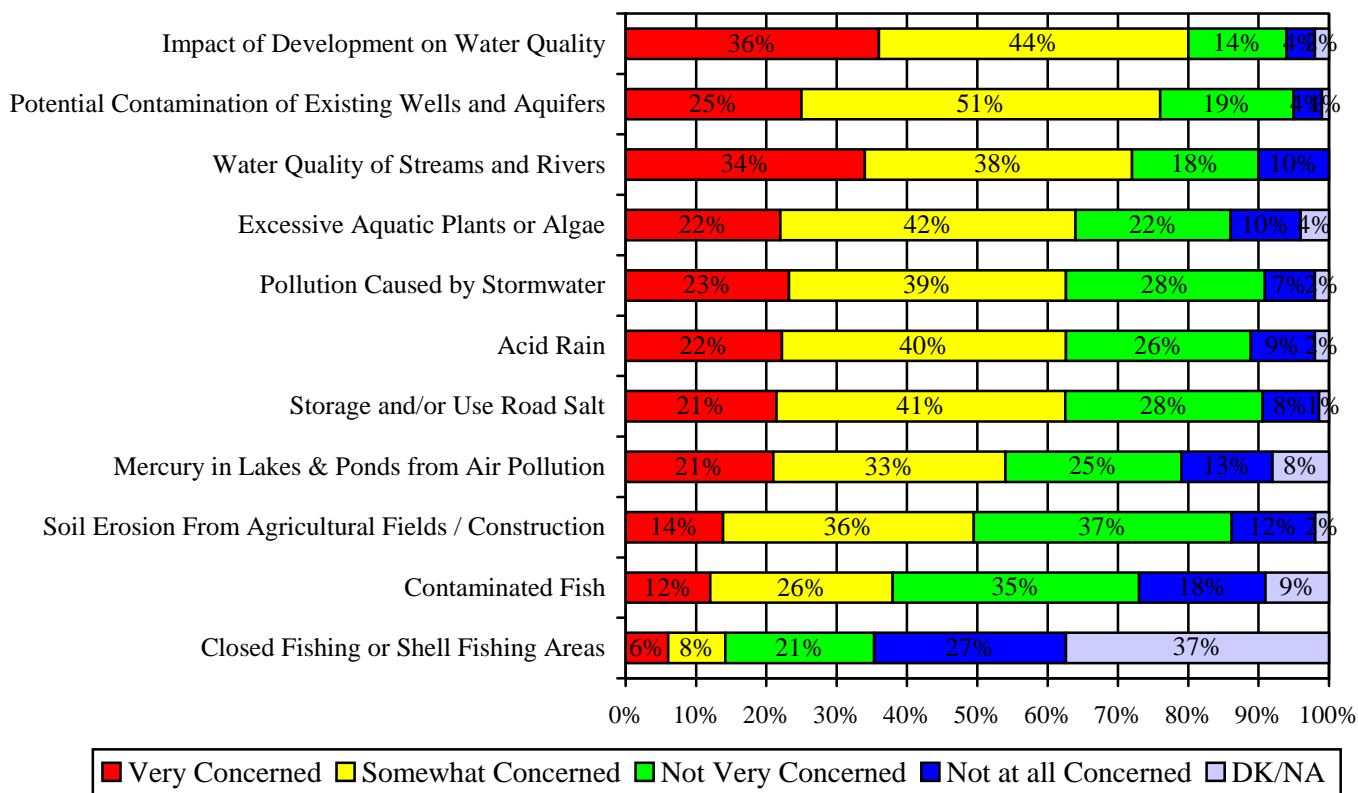
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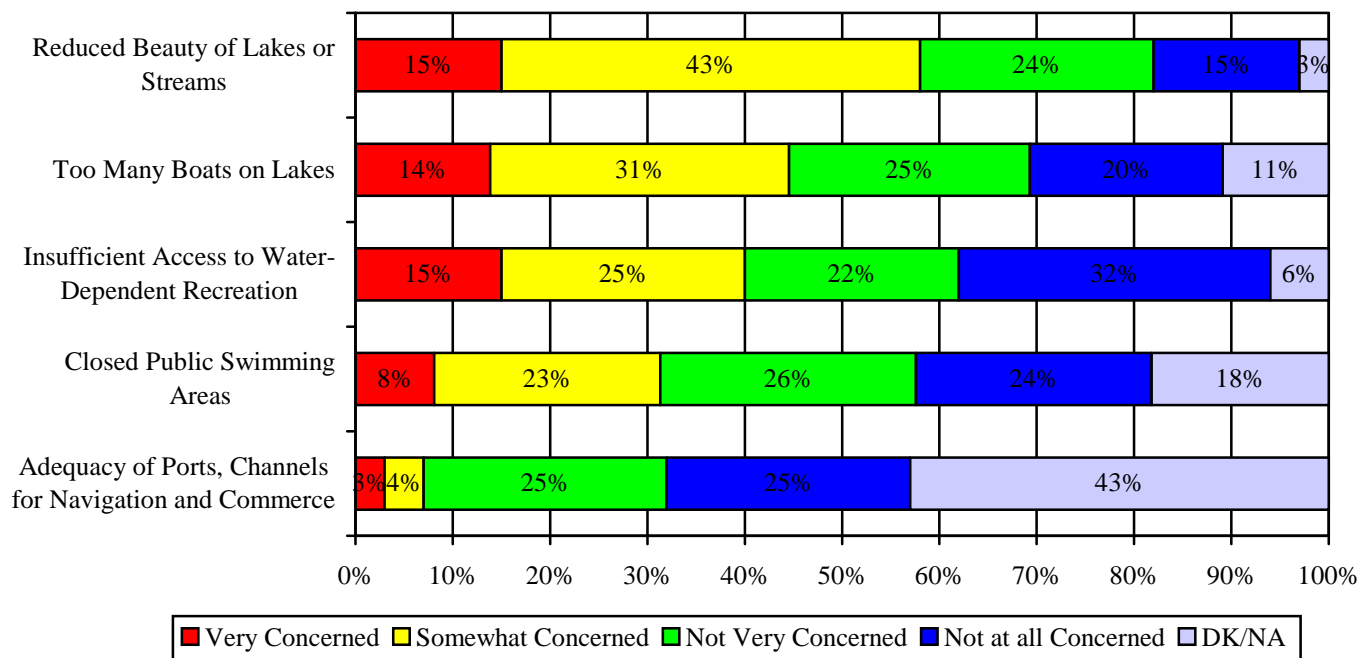
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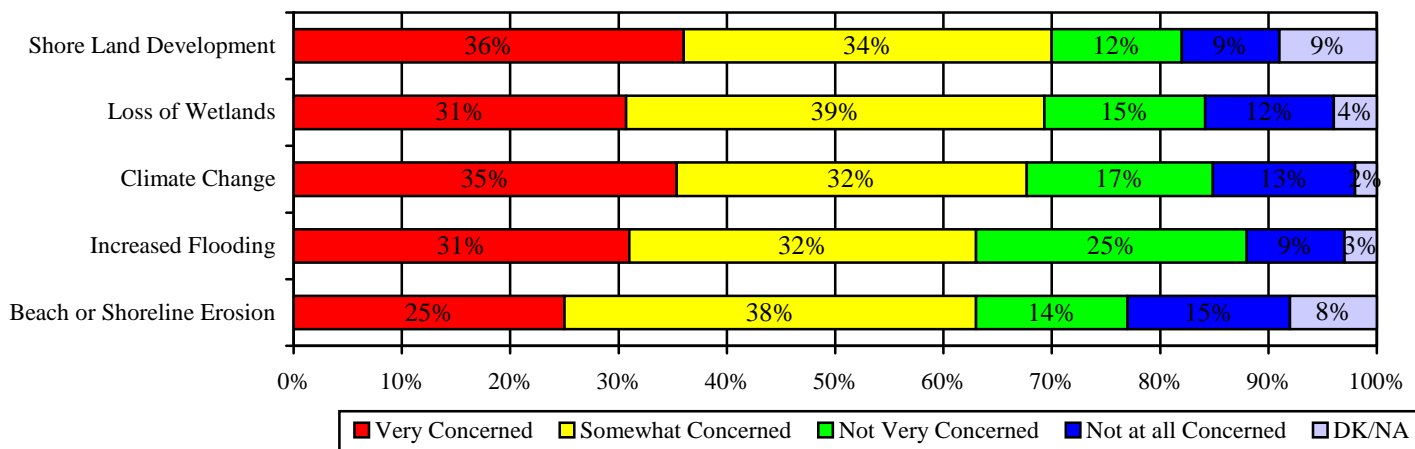
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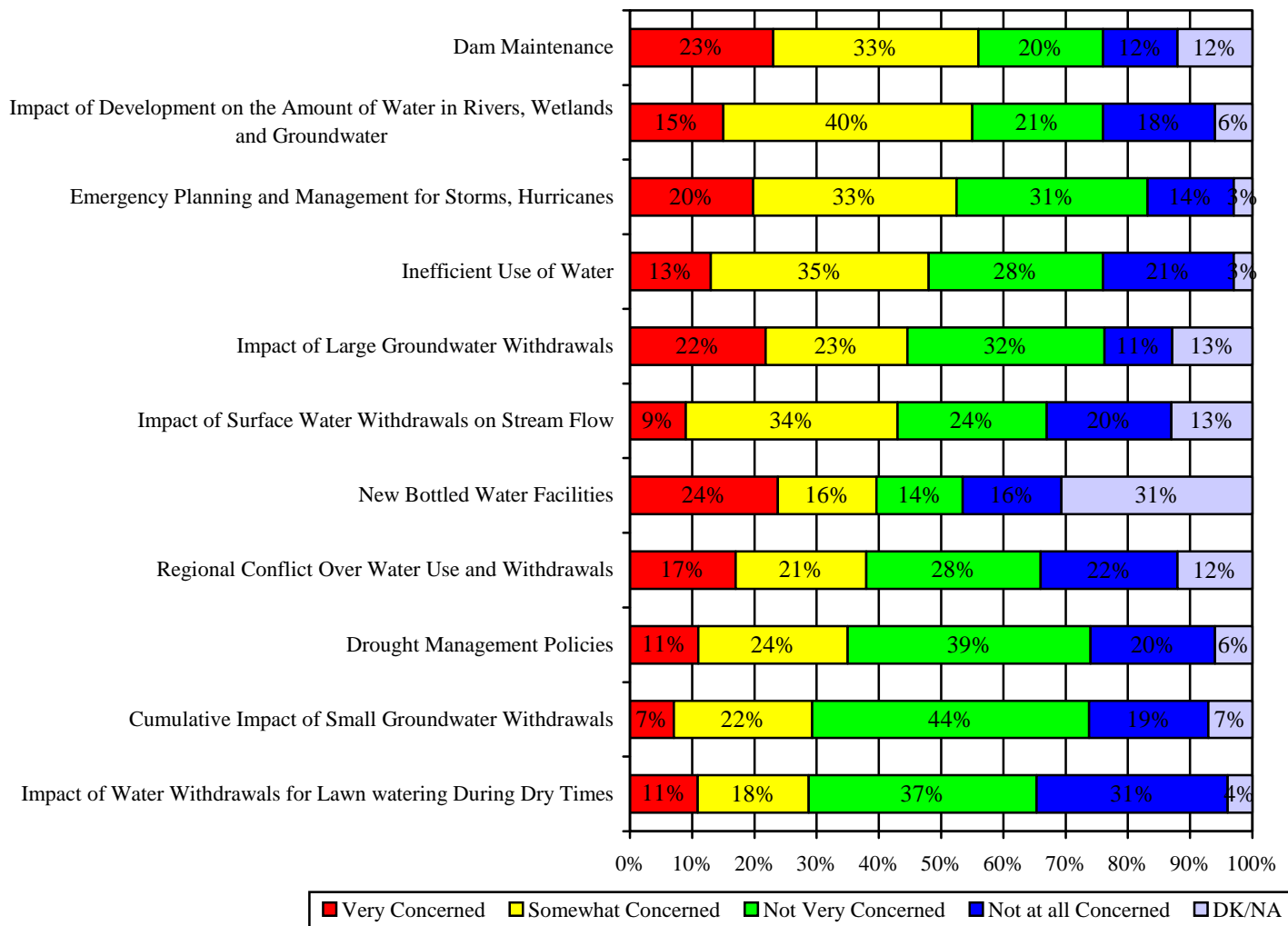
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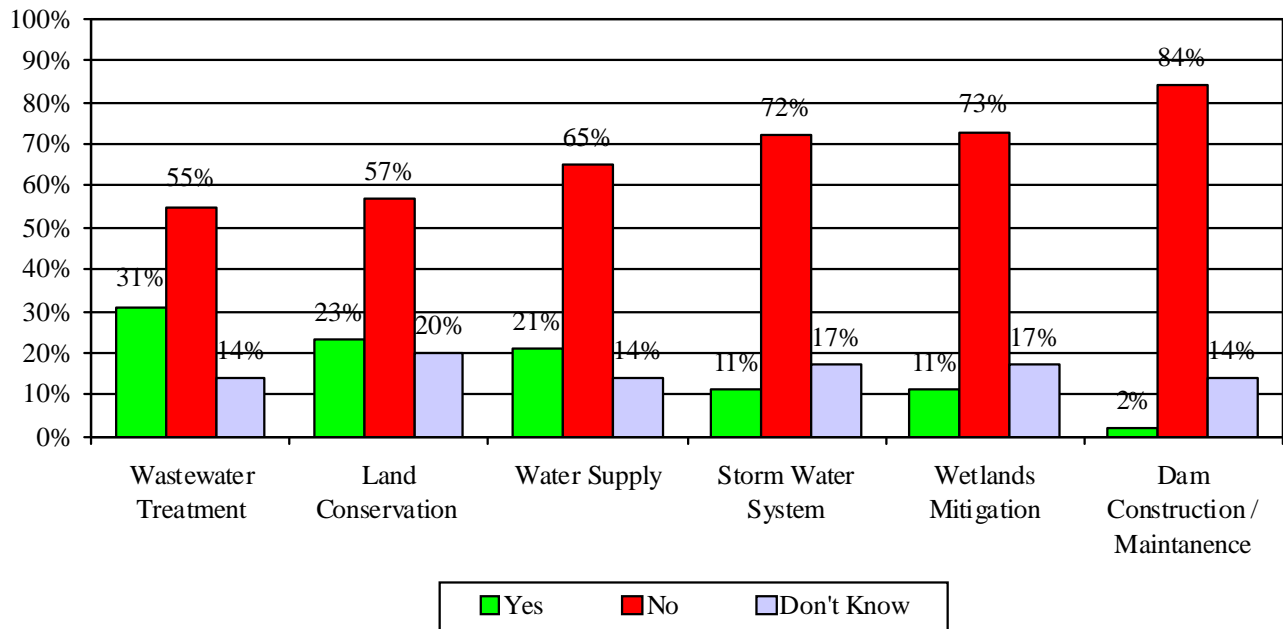
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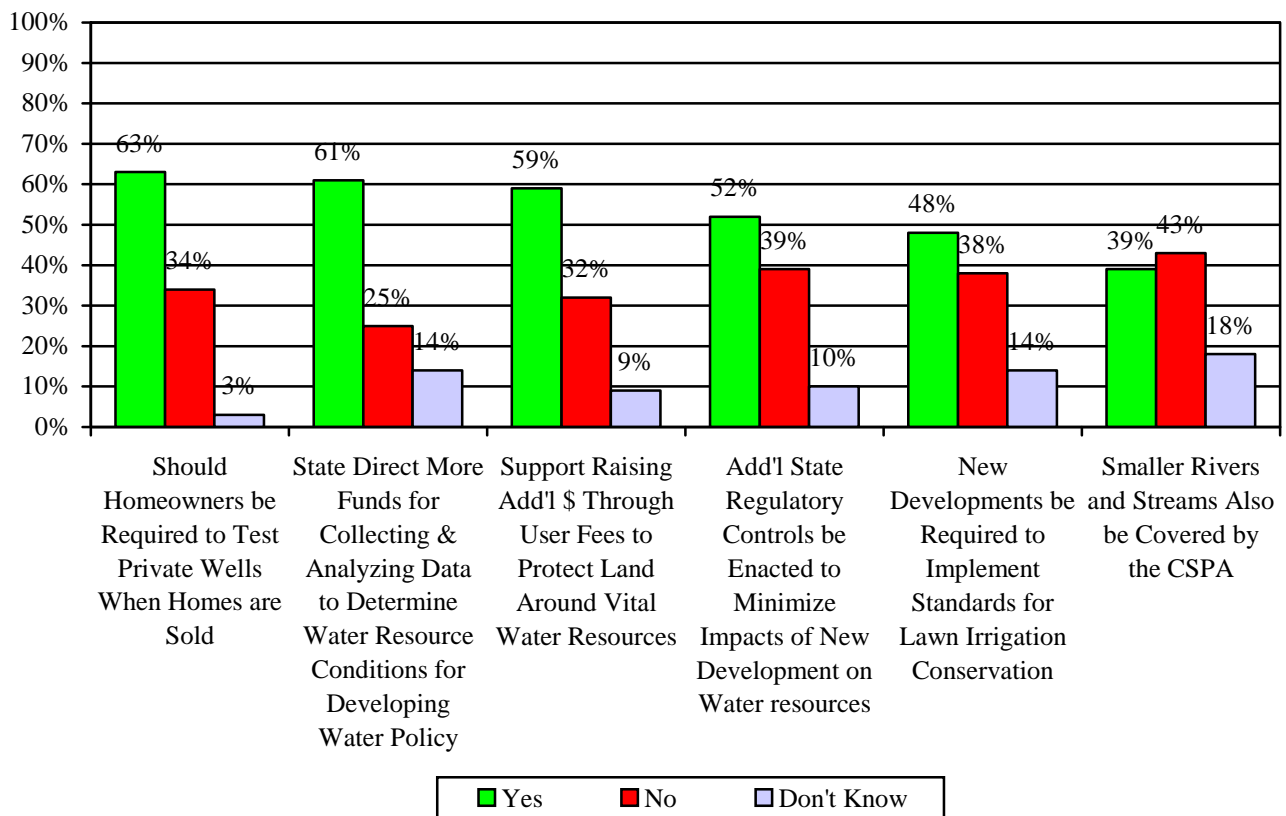
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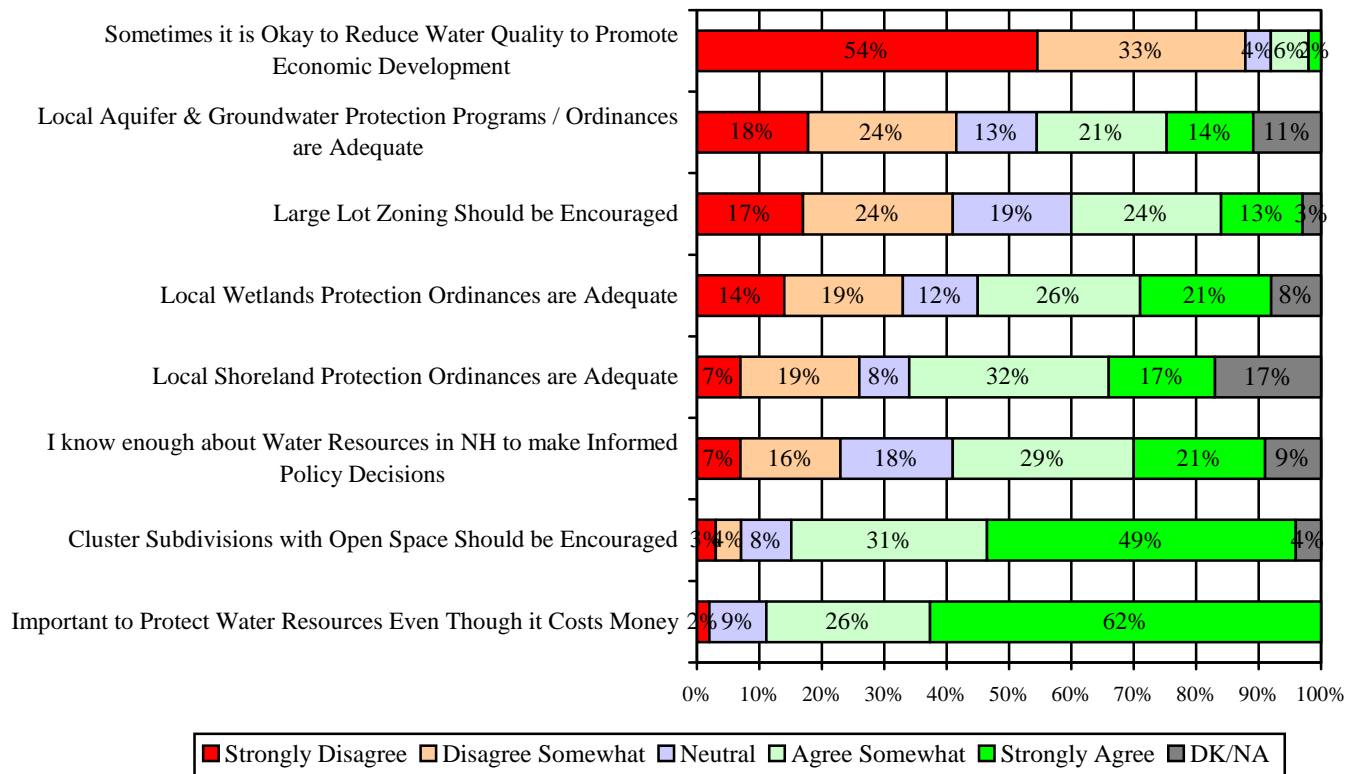
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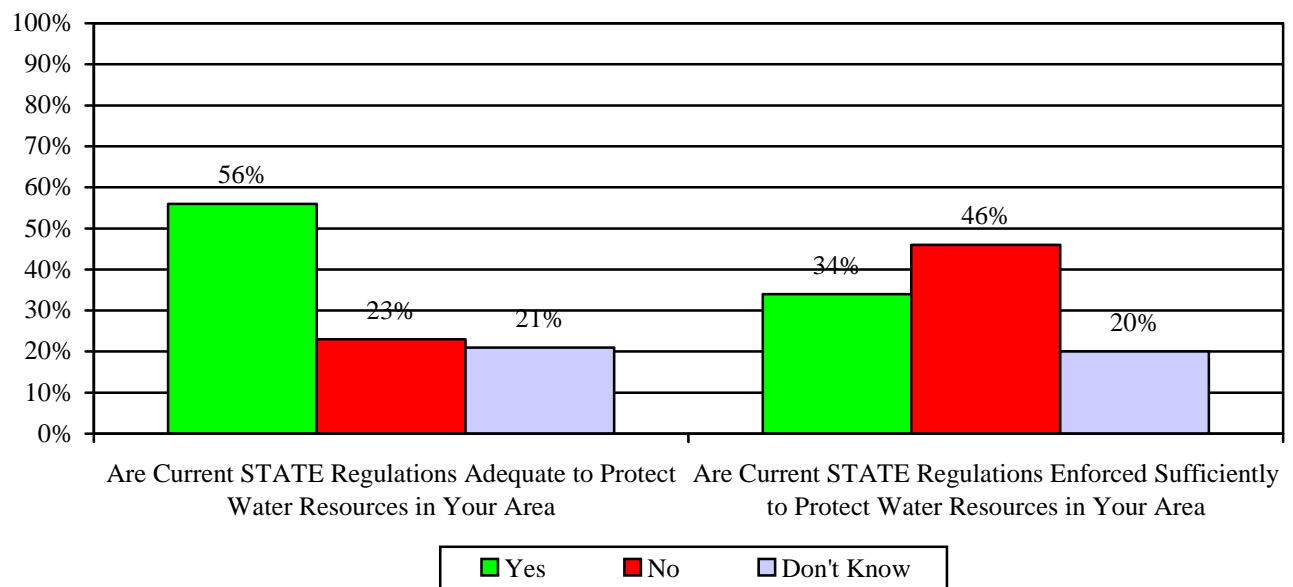
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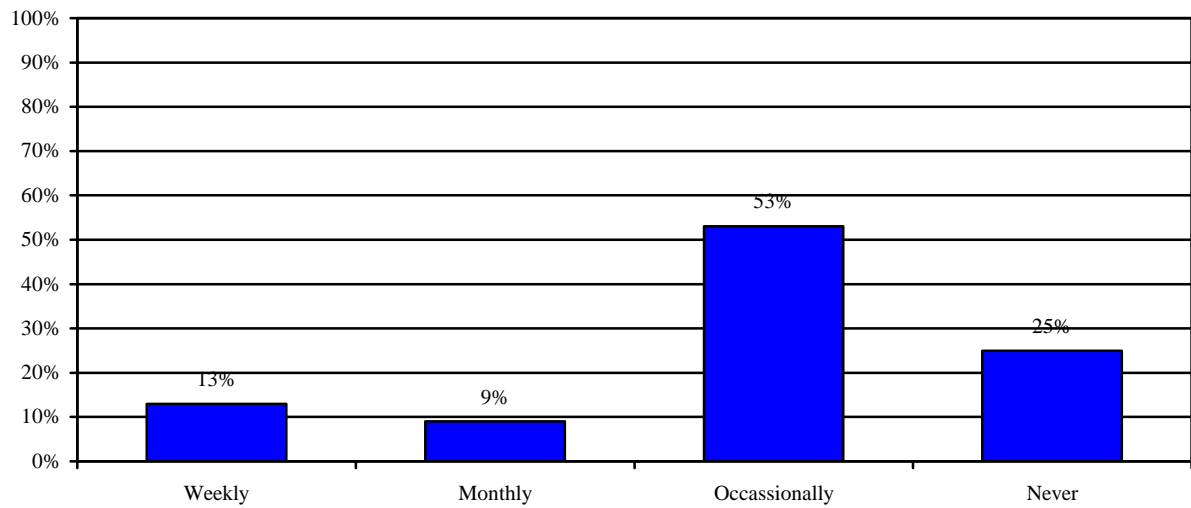
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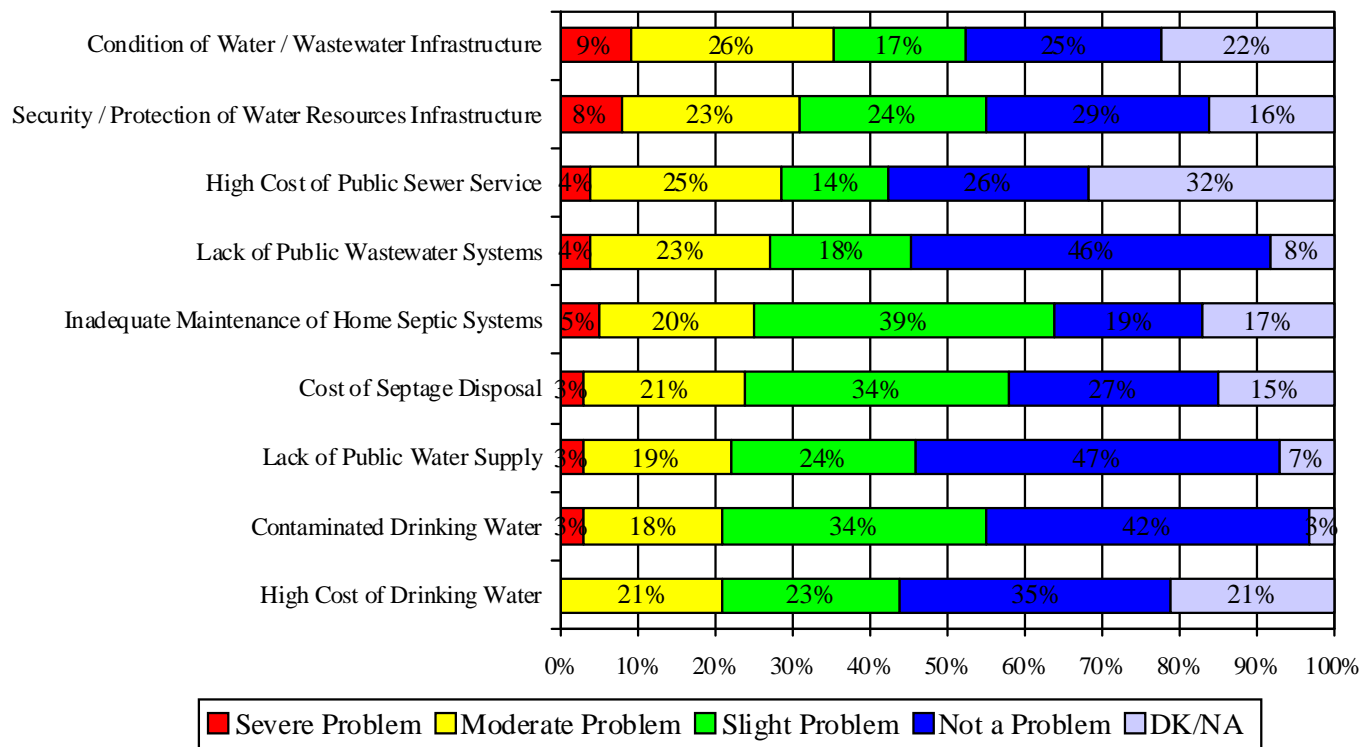
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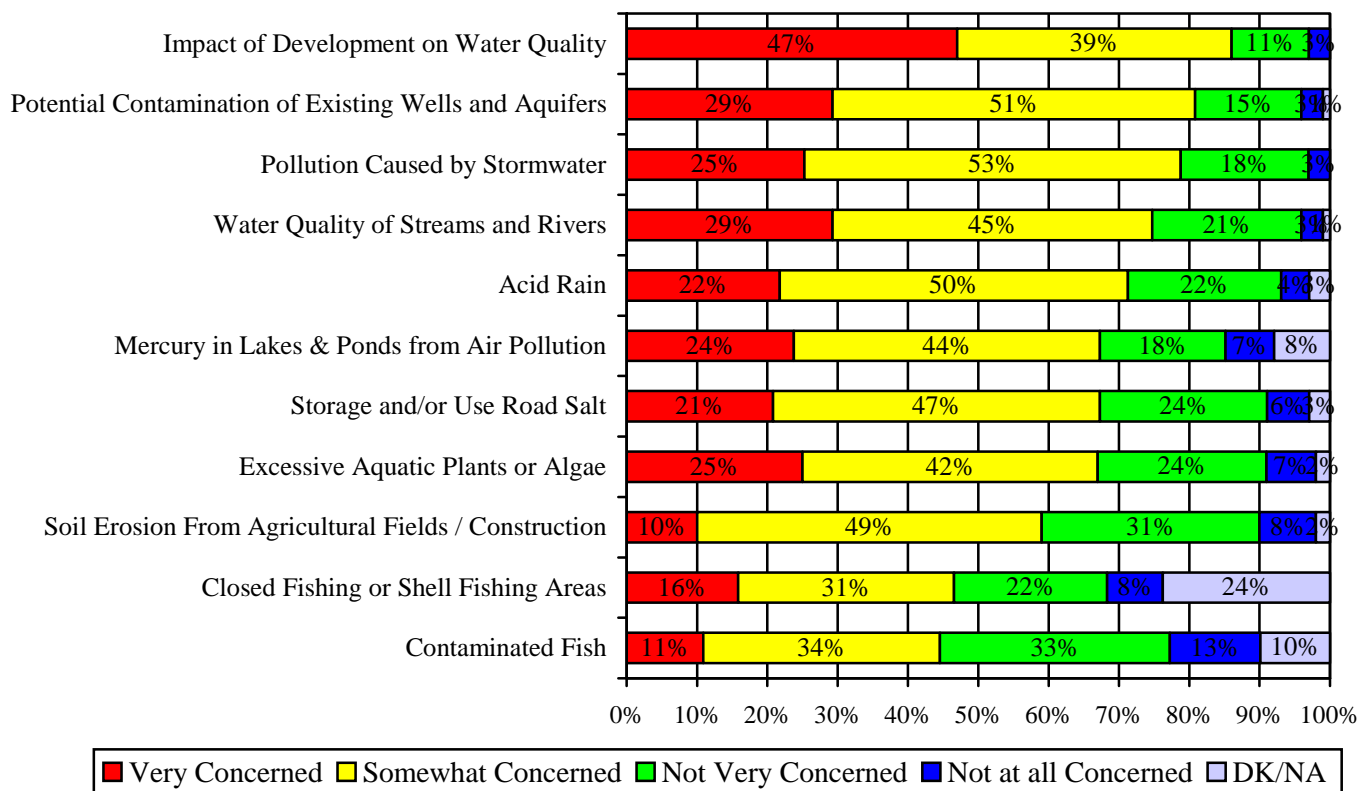
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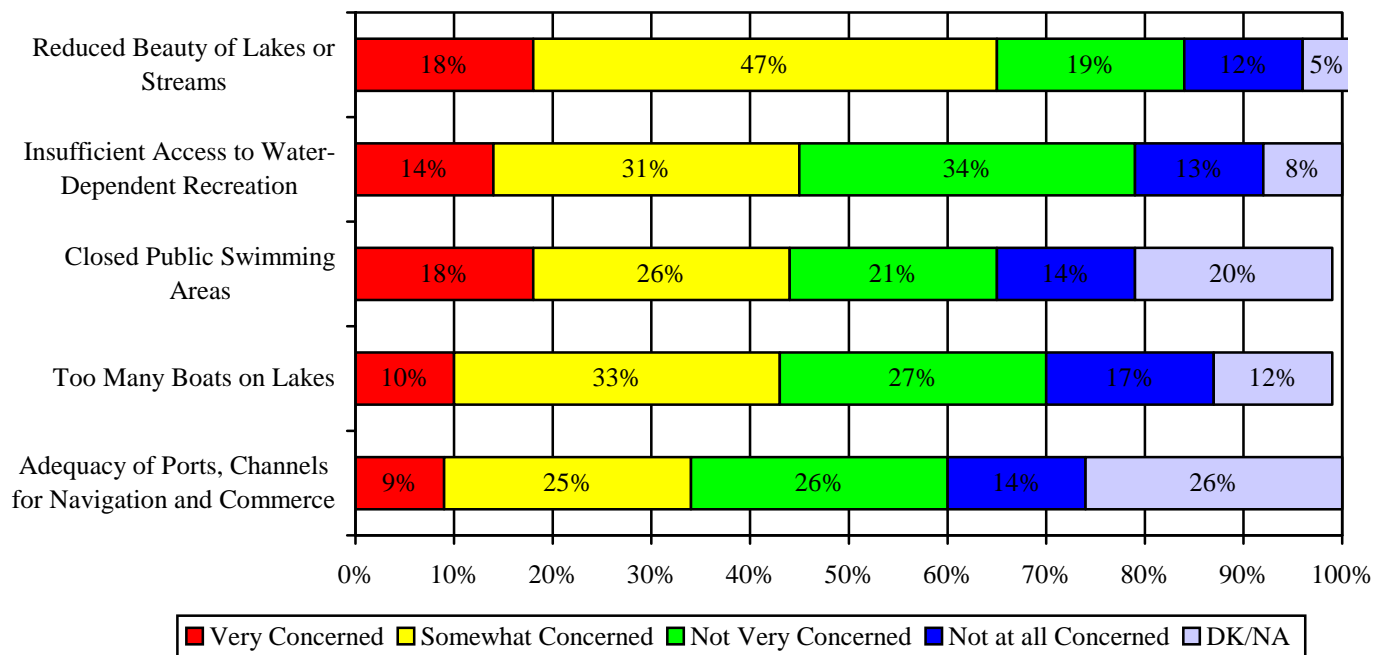


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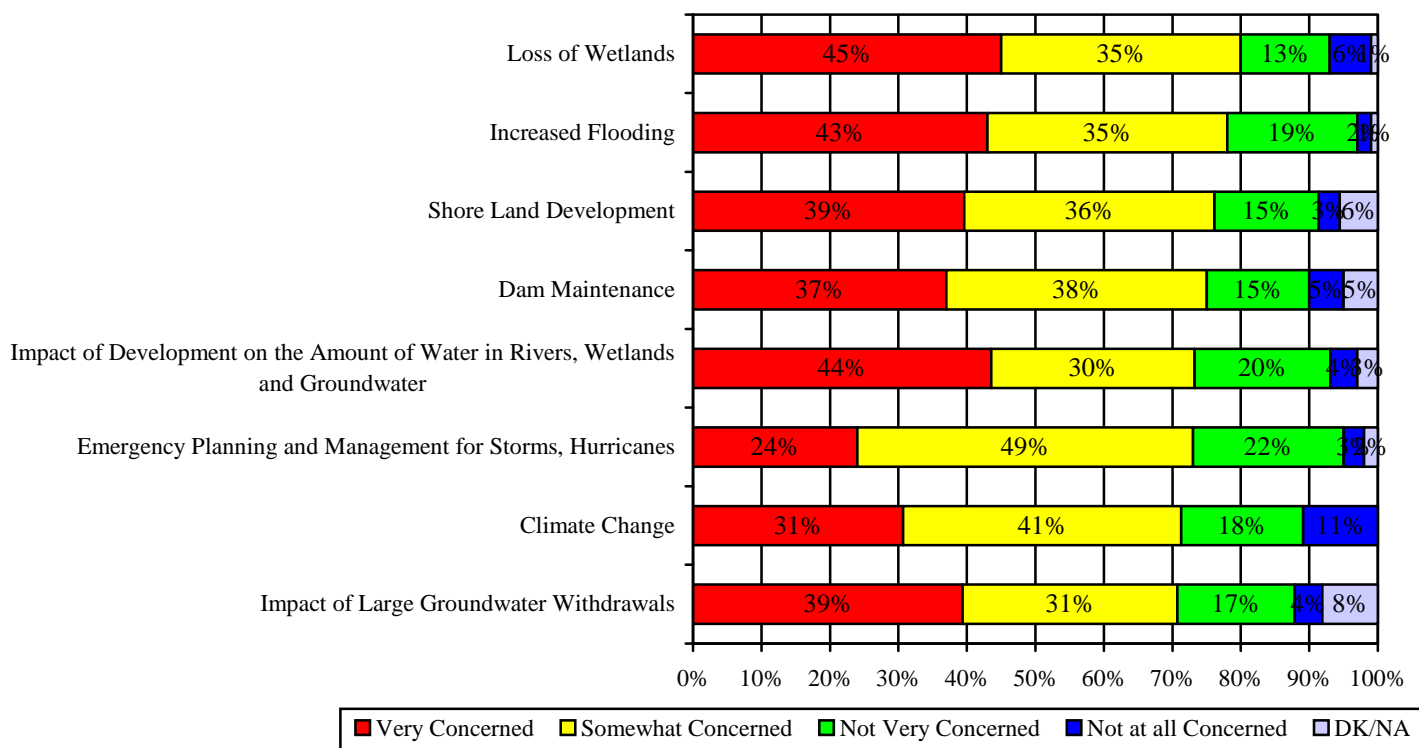




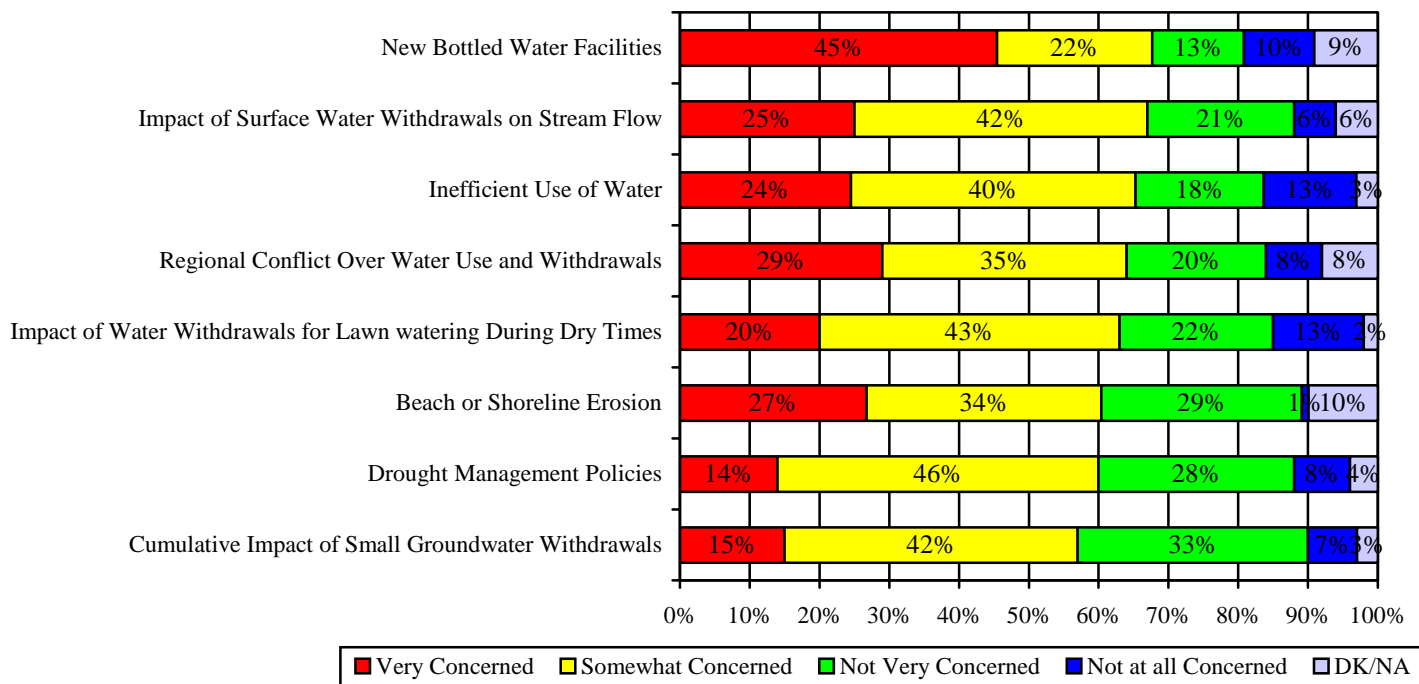
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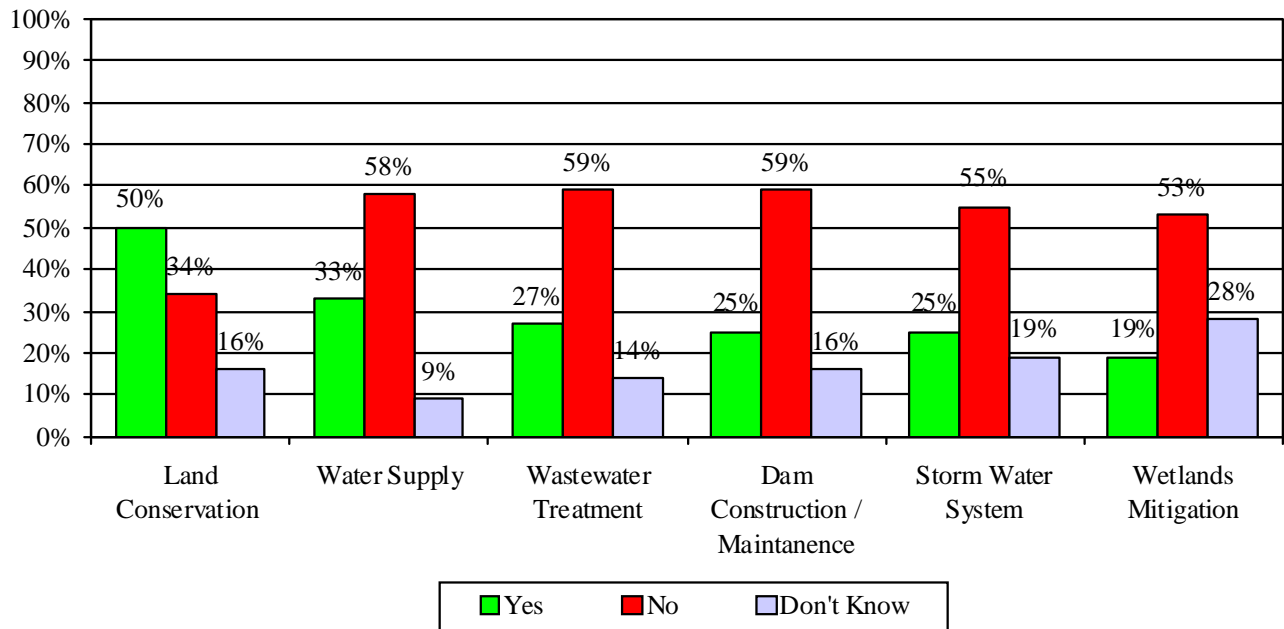
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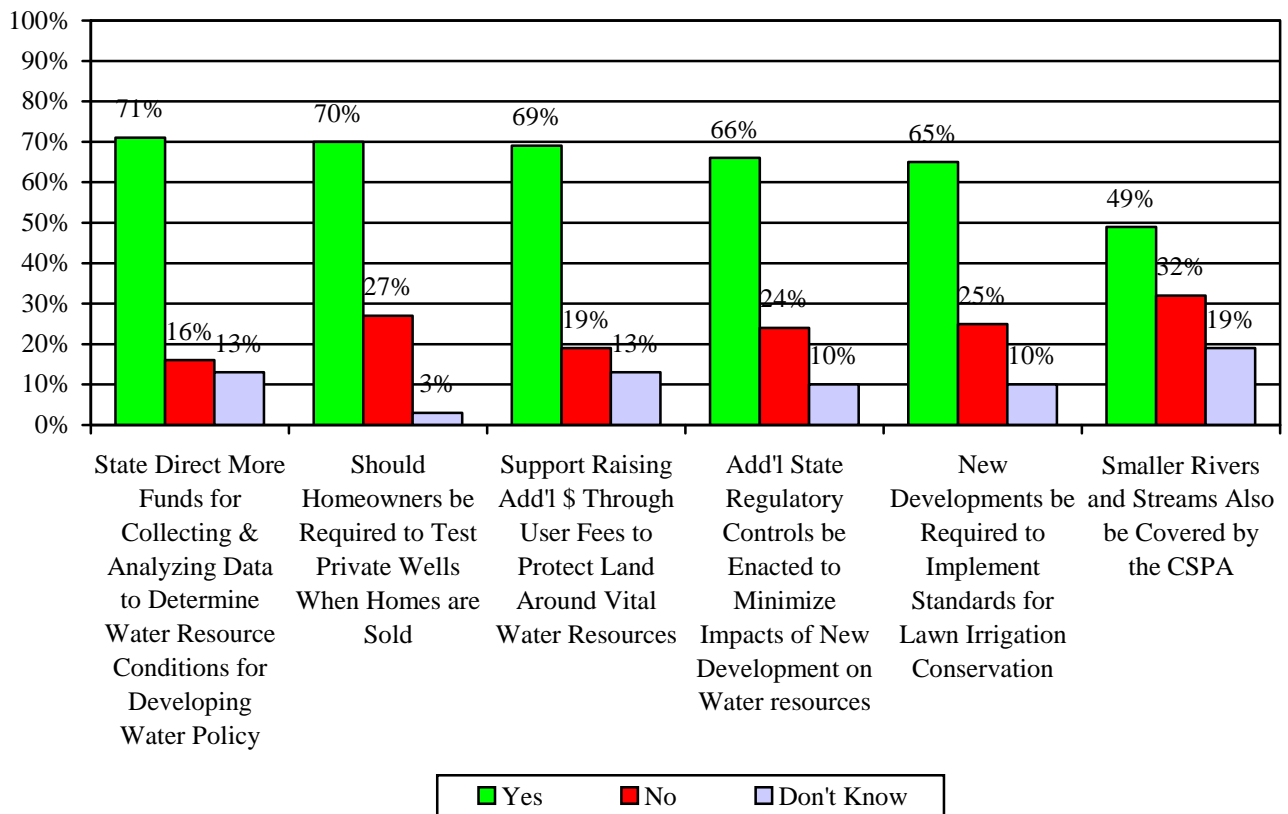
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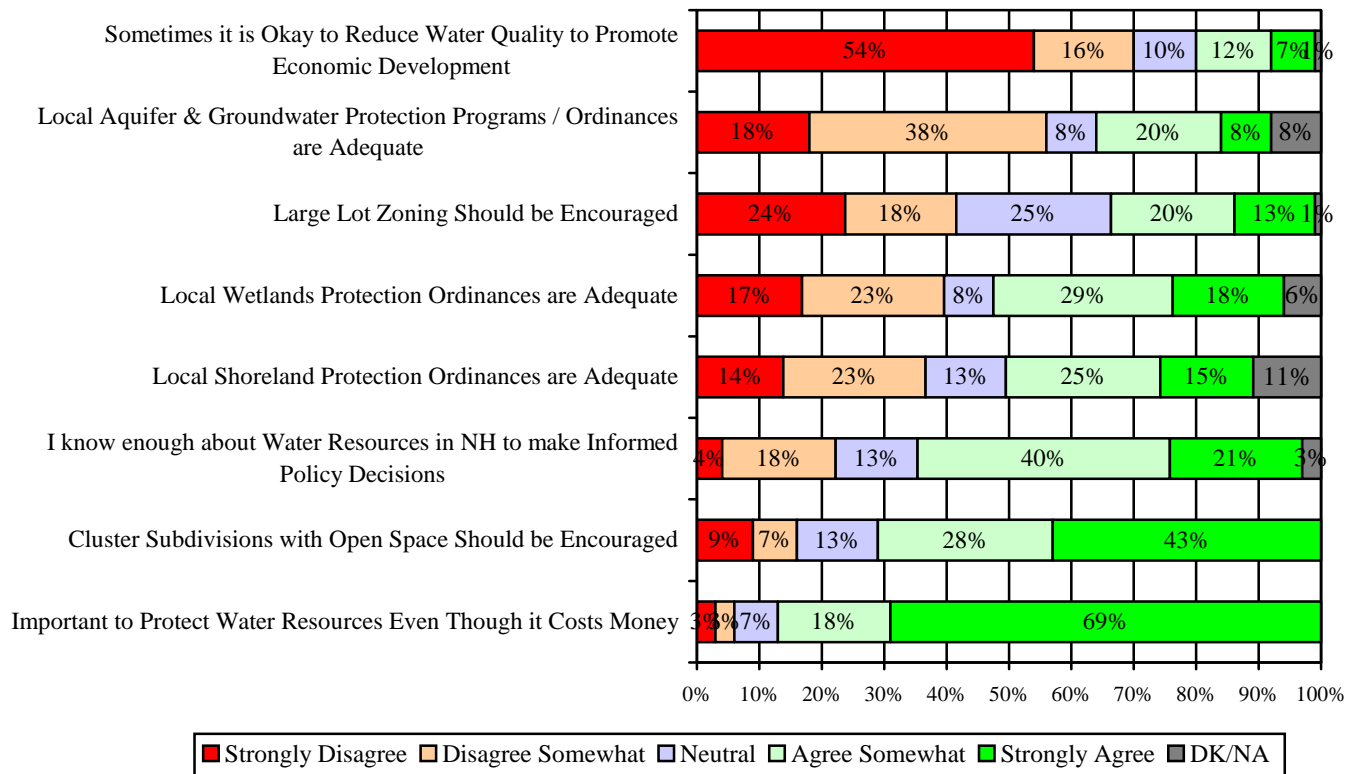
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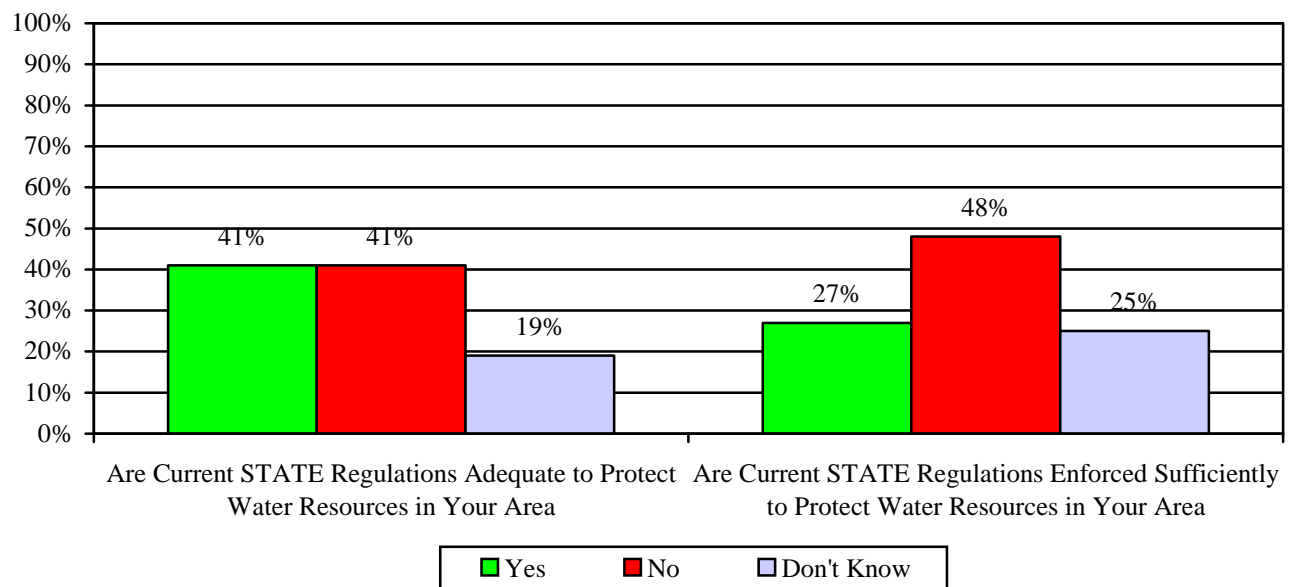
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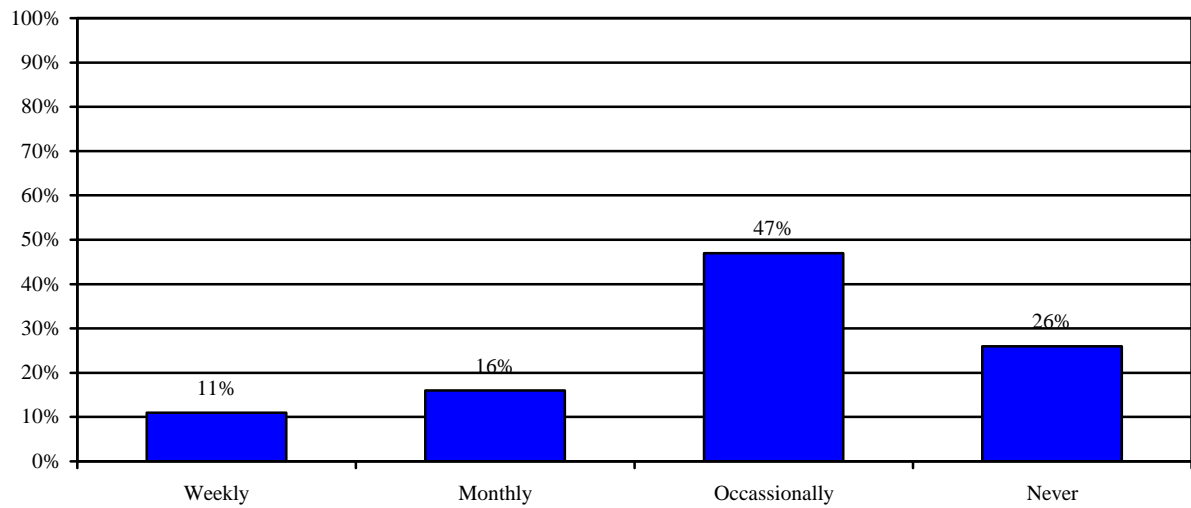
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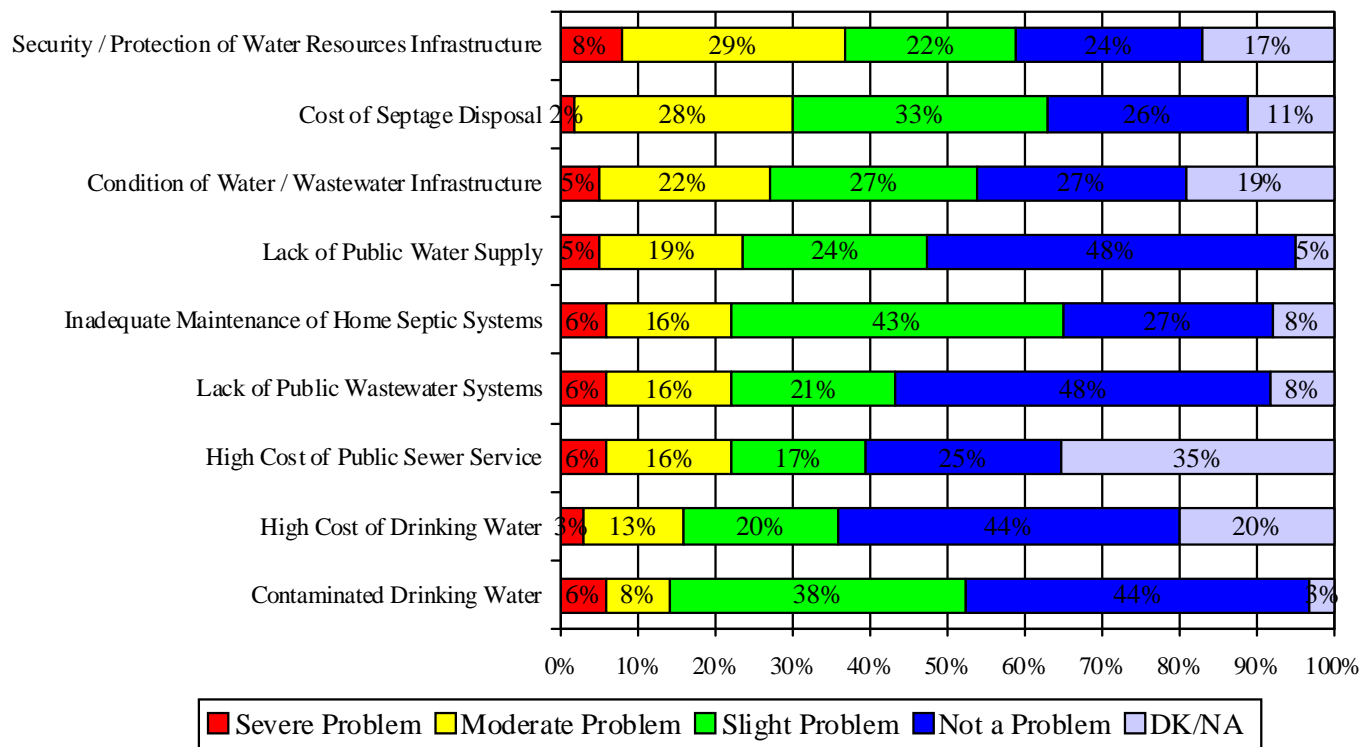
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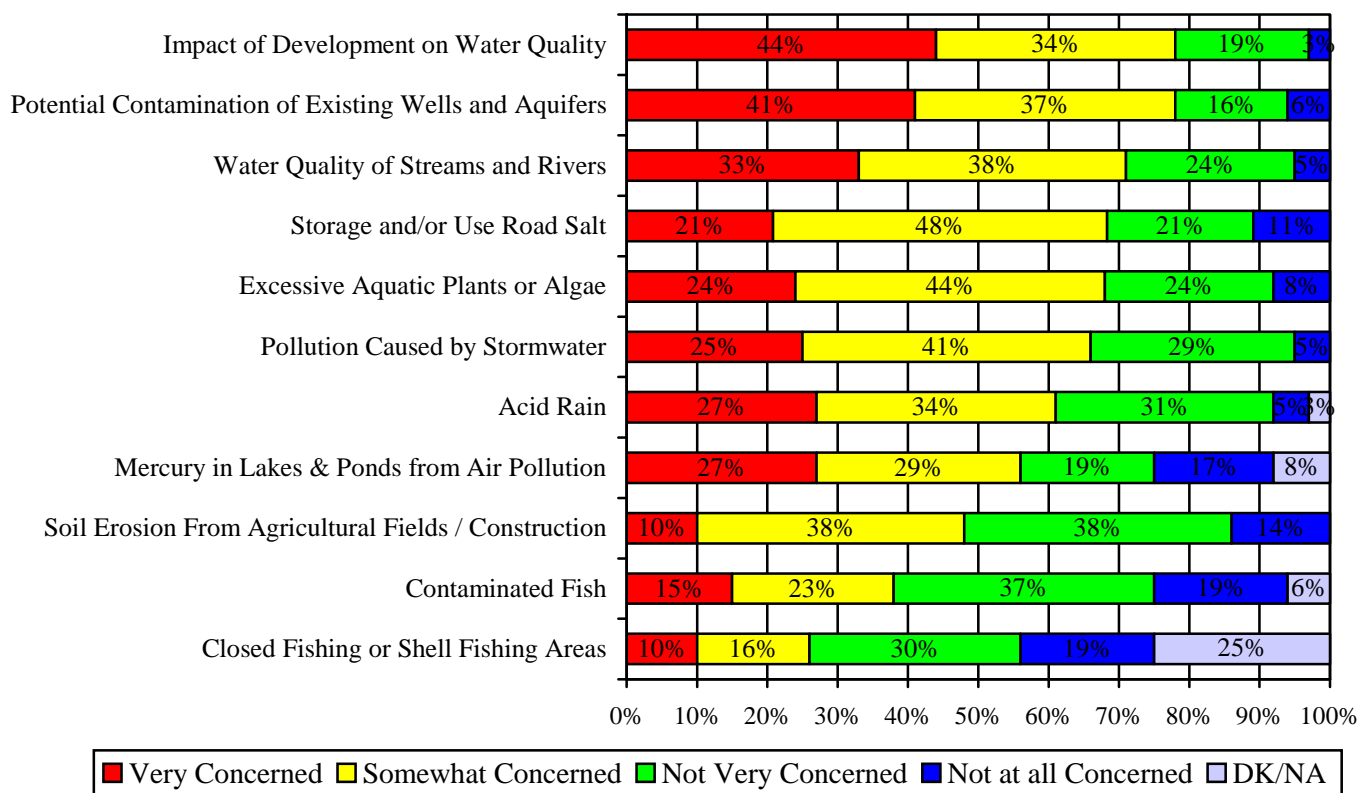
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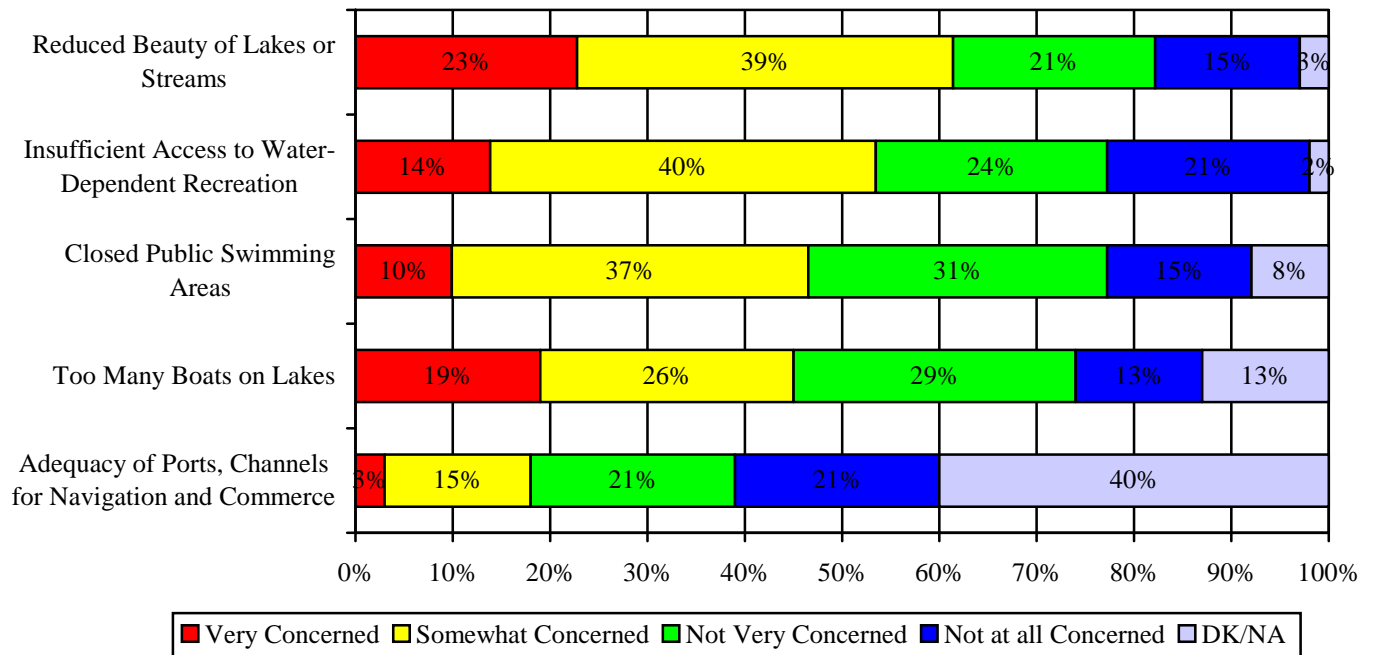
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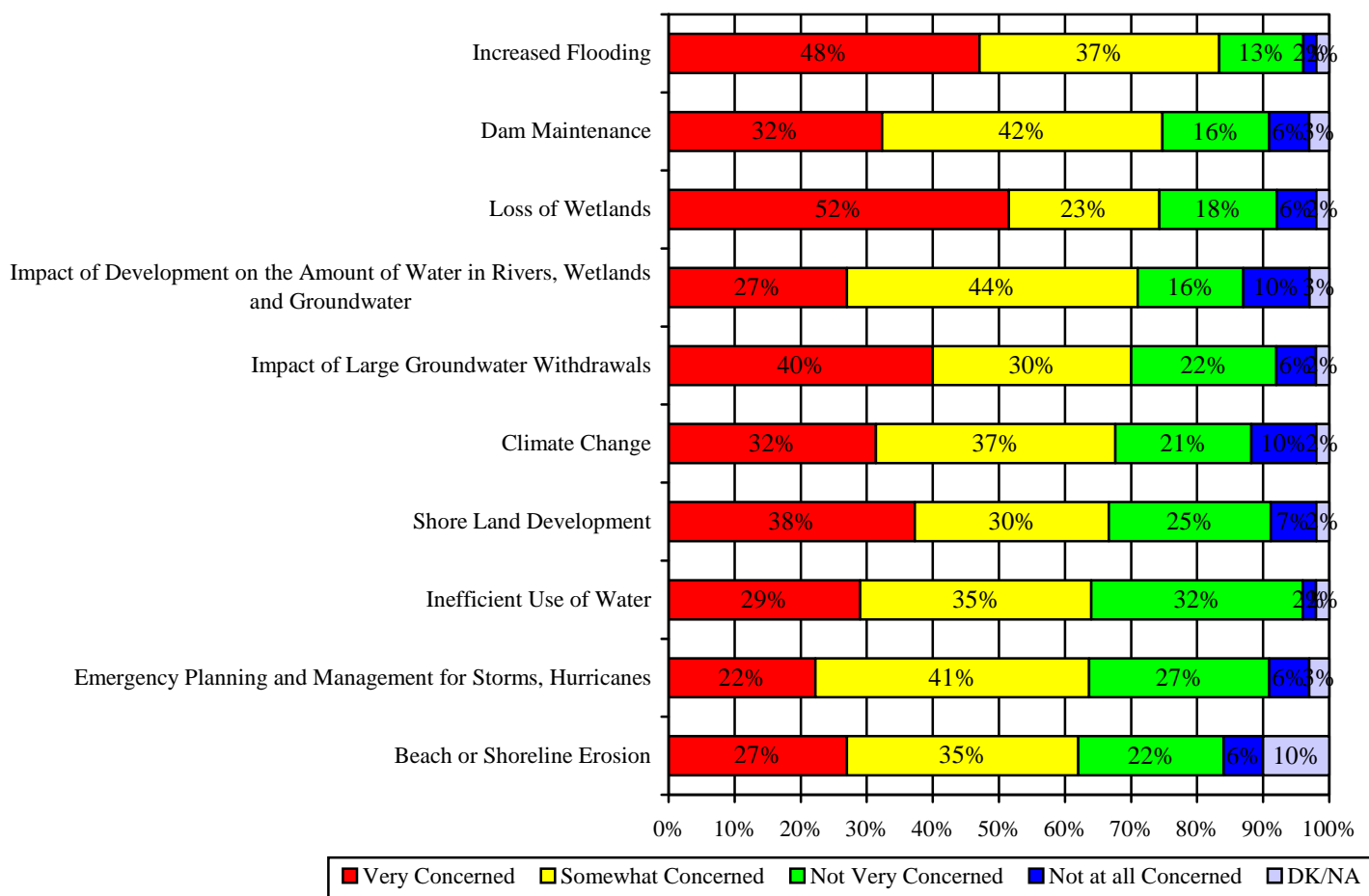
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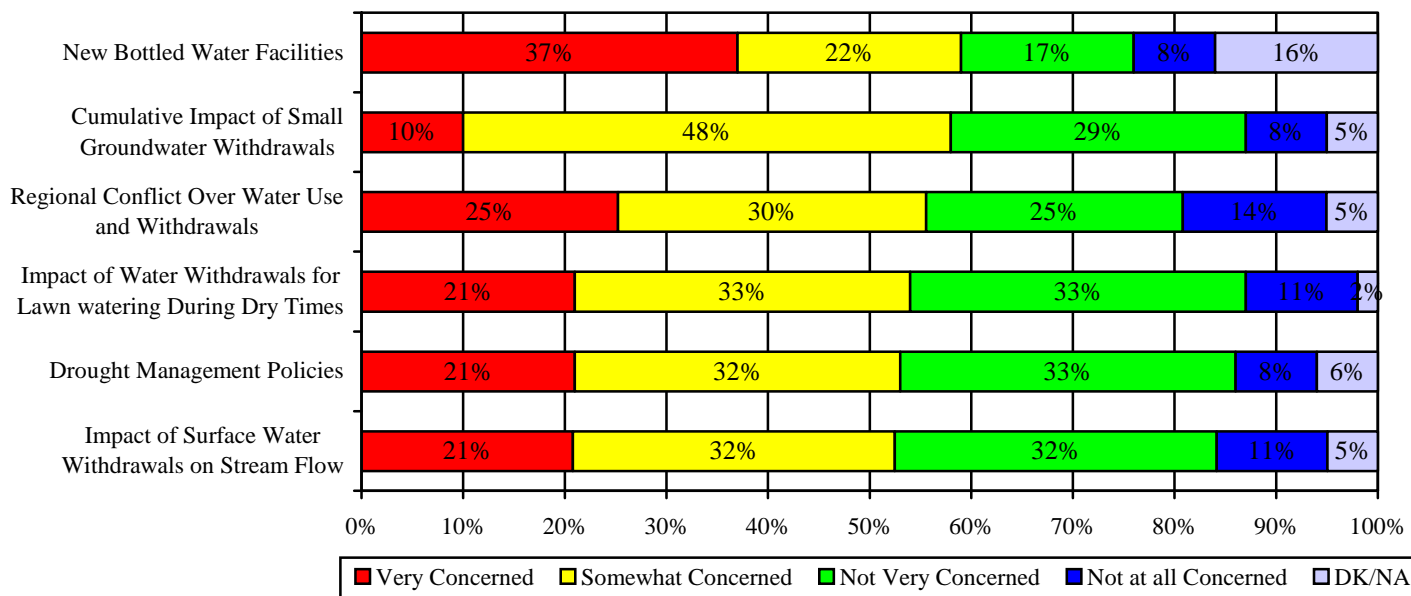
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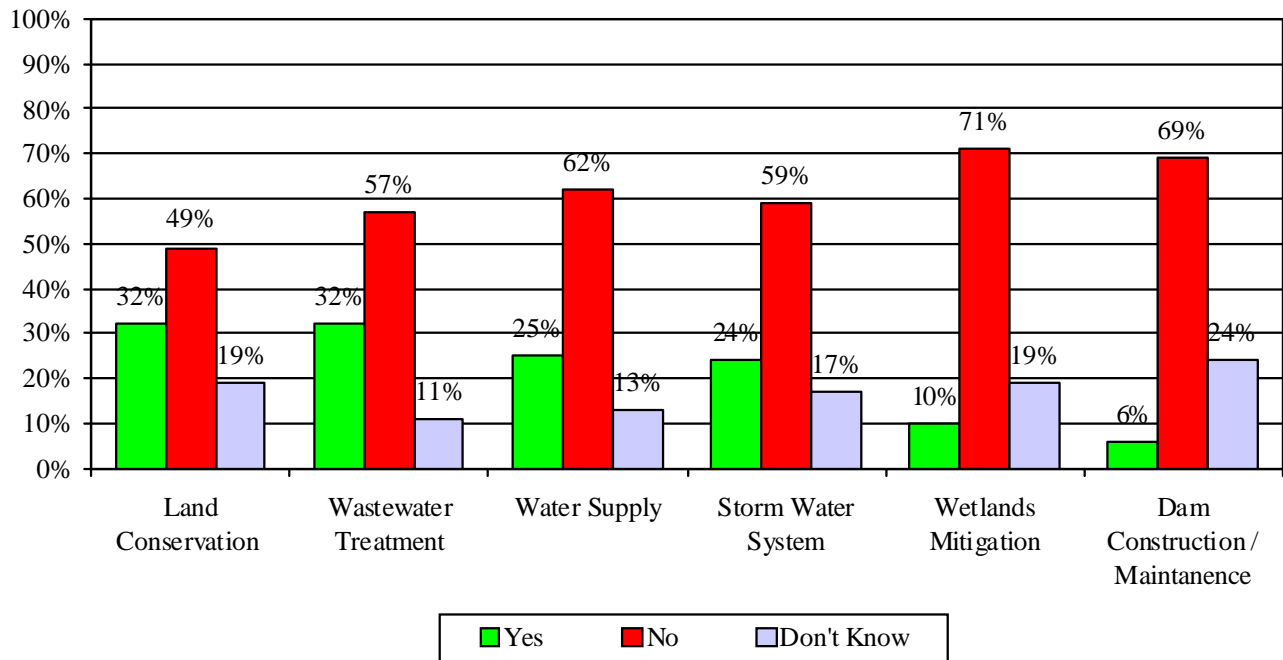


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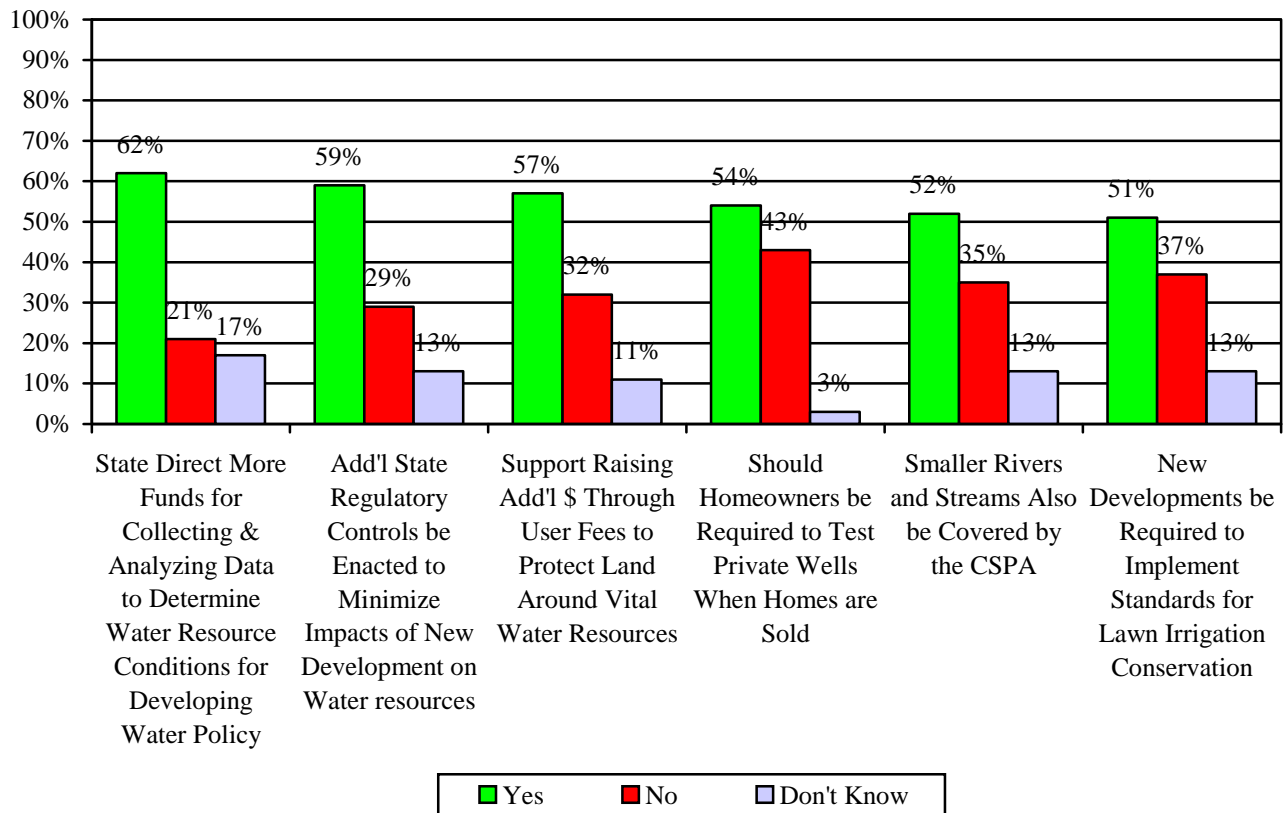




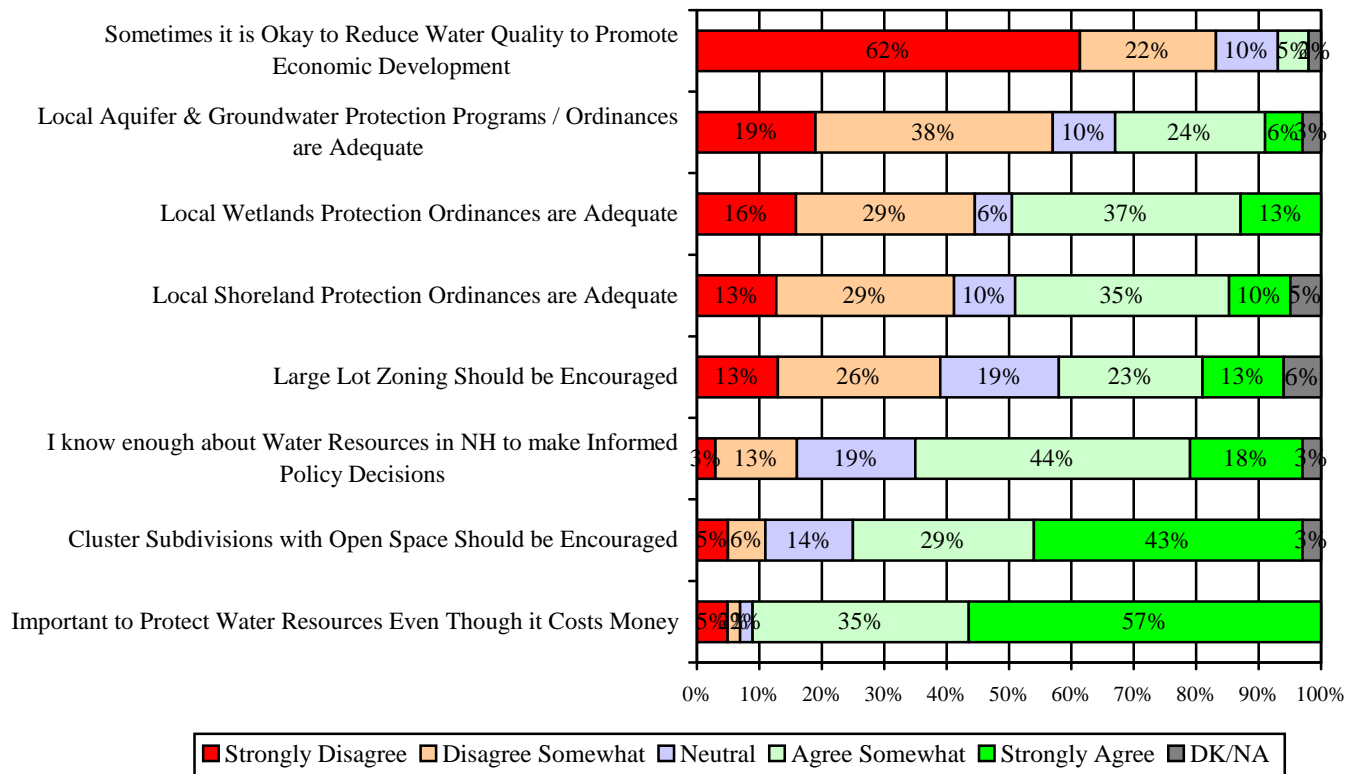
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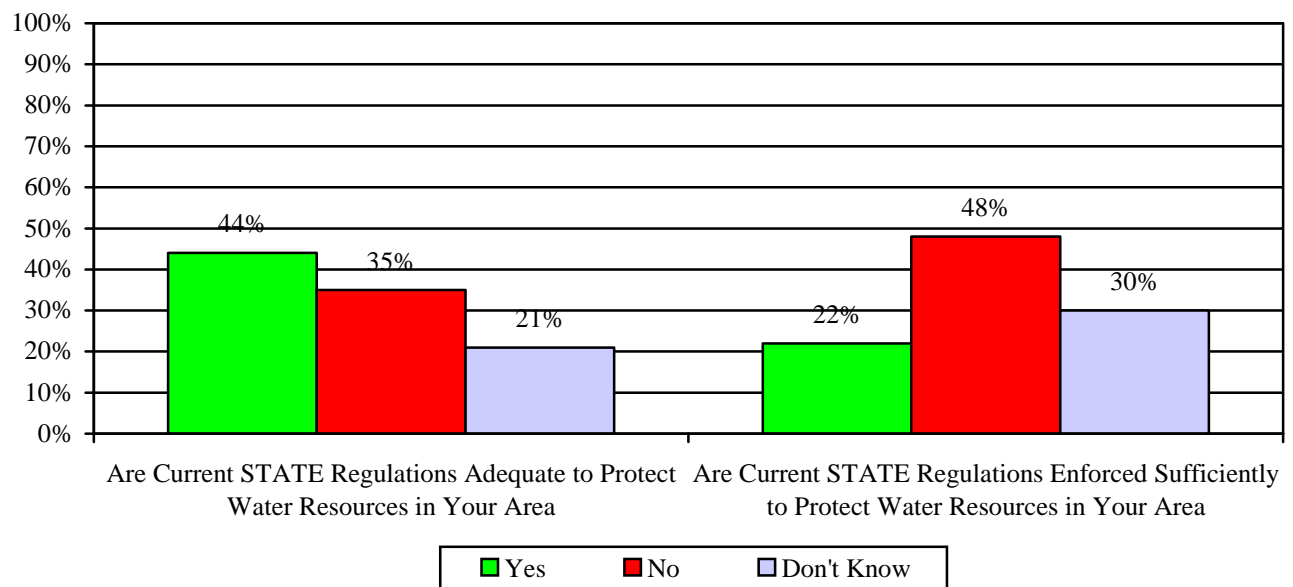
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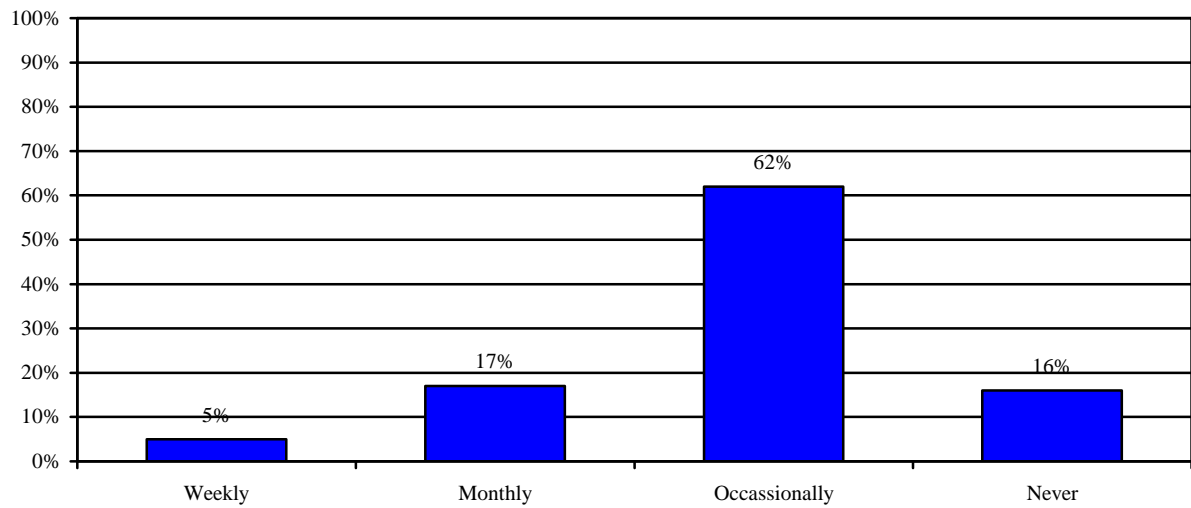
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## **APPENDIX A**

### **SUMMARY OF OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES**

Question 10 asked survey respondents to answer the question, “If you have 15 minutes with the Governor, what would be the top three **water resource** issues that you would want to discuss?” 312 people responded to this question with most of them listing three issues. A few listed only two issues while some just listed one issue for discussion with the Governor. In total, there were 865 written responses. Many of the responses were in reference to issues that were similar in nature, therefore, they were coded by issue and then sorted. The following table summarizes the responses by general and specific issue category:

<b>Water Quality, Withdrawals and Protection</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Other Water Quality and Protection	29	22	19	<b>70</b>
Water Withdrawals, Mostly Groundwater	35	21	9	<b>65</b>
Groundwater and Aquifer Protection	18	24	9	<b>51</b>
Shoreland Protection	13	15	11	<b>39</b>
River and Stream Protection	9	10	6	<b>25</b>
Bottled Water	17	1	6	<b>24</b>
Lake and Pond Protection	3	11	10	<b>24</b>
Millfoil and Invasive Plants	8	3	10	<b>21</b>
Water Quality Monitoring and Testing	4	9	3	<b>16</b>
Total				<b>335</b>
<b>Shoreland and Wetlands</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Wetlands	24	19	17	<b>60</b>
Shoreland Protection	13	15	11	<b>39</b>
Total				<b>99</b>
<b>Climate Change, Flooding, Drought</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Flooding	6	5	4	<b>15</b>
Water Conservation	1	6	3	<b>10</b>
Climate Change	3	3	3	<b>9</b>
Total				<b>34</b>
<b>Development and Land Use</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Development	7	18	8	<b>33</b>
Land Conservation	4	4	5	<b>13</b>
Total				<b>46</b>
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Recreation	17	4	8	<b>29</b>
Total				<b>29</b>
<b>Infrastructure and Management</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Wastewater and Septic Systems	11	26	14	<b>51</b>
Infrastructure	12	15	9	<b>36</b>
Drinking Water	13	11	8	<b>32</b>
Stormwater and Non-Point Source Management	9	8	9	<b>26</b>
Salt Use	4	2	5	<b>11</b>
Dams	4	2	4	<b>10</b>
Total				<b>166</b>
<b>Enforcement and Control</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Total</b>
DES Enforcement and Funding	23	34	32	<b>89</b>
Local Control	10	5	5	<b>20</b>
Regional Control	3	5	11	<b>19</b>
Outreach	4	2	9	<b>15</b>
Less or Streamlined Regulation	8	2	3	<b>13</b>
Total				<b>156</b>

Q11: What is the best way for DES to inform you about water related issues in NH (e.g., website, news releases, etc.)

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- Please remember that while New Hampshire has many towns, there are 13 cities as well.
- We have an affordable housing problem and des needs to be mindful of the cost of its regulations.
- Good job.
- DES does a good job
- No
- You need to obtain additional funding for more staff
- With regard to legislation of protection of both natural and water resources, it is necessary to build in a certain amount of flexibility to have greater coverage in protection.
- Need significant improvement in timeliness of responses, follow through and conveying rationale for actions. Having an understanding of legal issues, there are still times when it's more important to get off your dead bureaucratic asses and "do it" than to protect your dead bureaucratic asses.
- No
- I think local govt. And especially our environmental dept. Are doing everything within their means. They need help.
- No
- Appreciate response to constituents requests in Newbury and Sutton re water quality
- Revise state agencies and regulations!! We are driving business and people away with too much state control!
- Your responsibilities are huge! You are grossly under-staffed! Water and the places it comes from are vital to all NH citizens. I can not think of any thing more important then supporting your efforts for the health and viability of our state economy and public! Clean lakes and shores for tourism/swimming, abundant water supply for snow making, drinking, and controlled business use is what drives our economy. Des should be more concerned with the safety and protection of all water sources, and less on development.
- I appreciate their efforts.
- Well-constructed survey!
- Enforcement is the key issue
- Developments are permitted in areas to be serviced by water containing very high levels of secondary contaminants and current residents are allowed to continue drinking the water. private wells with contaminants from gasoline in wells are not notified by either the town or state and no one takes responsibility for correcting the problem, finding the source or doing anything about curbing its continued spread of the contamination. Towns are not obligated to provide replacement water sources for contaminated wells. Homeowners should not have to continually test their water and be left with no drinkable water upon finding a polluted result.
- This last group of questions is so specific that anyone reading it will know who the respondent is. My privacy is not protected but I chose to participate none-the-less.
- Sarah p is doing an outstanding job
- We need to have better enforcement of current regulations
- Yes. Stop the Bethlehem solid waste landfill expansion. Require a new permit for such a massive change in design. To let this private commercial plan go through without a new formal "deemed complete" permit is a travesty.
- Why do you not punish someone after you make an order to remove fill such as in Robert Moreau's property at Great Bay? It seems that some such as towns get away with disobeying the des laws just because of who they are while a small guy gets squashed for minor infractions.
- No thanks
- Large building should be discouraged on small lots on the shoreline, large summer homes don't make sense in flood zones

- Thank you for your efforts. Remember, regulation is a balancing act, and needs to allow creativity and new technologies.
- I would like to see increased funding for NH DES.
- Keep up the good work
- There are probably violations along the sugar river in Goshen and I don't see des doing anything. Violations at rand pond are taking forever to resolve.
- Push the state to be more responsive to logging violations in the southern part of the state. While our logging operations are relatively small compared to the north, violations can have a severe impact on water quality but the state does not have the resources to deal with it.
- It would be great if des could respond faster to selectmen when they call for information.
- The economy is not going to make your life easy...don't give in!
- CSPA is a very good law and a huge step in the right direction
- Good questionnaire!
- Keep up the good work. You are doing the best you can with the personnel and funds you have.
- No
- Waste water regulations are not being enforced upstream from us yet we have to pay millions be sure out wastewater treatment plant is run properly and can treat for the contaminant of the day. It's not fair.
- I own a community water supply due to my ownership of a commercial building with a coffee shop and I work with the ODS fund for water contamination.
- There is a general perception among my constituents that there are 'too many rules' that lack the ability to use common sense when making decisions...
- The state needs to do more need to be done to stop the milfoil infestation in state owned waters and not rely on local governments already strapped for resources to foot the majority of the bill.
- Staffing needs better people with commitment to the environment not job security.
- Too much redundancy in functions between des and other agencies.
- Not at this time.
- Yes
- Nothing that I can think of at the present time.
- Sometimes it seems morally ambiguous to say we just provide information and enforce regulations, when your activities have a negative impact on a community. You cannot be totally divorced from moral and social consequences.
- No.
- I think your web site is difficult to find things on. The search tool does a poor job of locating topics you are looking for and are known to be there.
- Ground water issues are important; pollution is more important
- Stop playing game with homes on our lakes that want to protect their properties from erosion
- No
- I've learned a lot from numerous des informative workshops, conferences, and publications over the years. You folks generally do a great job with limited dollars and staff. We can probably expect even more limitations in this economic crisis. Keep up the good work, and thanks!
- Naaawww...smiles
- Not now
- Sure...
- My town has worked extensively with Mitch locker, René Pelletier, and many others for the past 4 yrs on major waste water rib project, they have been exceedingly helpful. I have extensive dealings with the solid waste operator training program and household hazardous waste (since 1990) and feel they also educate, instruct, assist, and advocate for the communities as well as they are able within their budget constraints. Grant programs from HHW to oil spill assistance for homeowners help to protect our water resources. Thanks to pat Hannon for her many years of training and promoting pilot programs which enabled us to suggest and implement an ice

crystallization project while we sought a solution to the inadequacy of our treated effluent pond capacity issue.

- This survey was completed by a 4 member conservation commission
- The people of my district in Nottingham do not trust your department because of the inconsistent treatment of the USA springs permit request. Whether their complaints are warranted or not, the perception is unfavorable. A full public investigation and airing of all documentation relating to the facility would go a long way towards restoring their trust in your department.
- As you know, you are understaffed!
- Appreciation for public education
- No
- Filing a complaint regarding violation of the shore land protection act is difficult. As a result, we only submit complaints when the violation is egregious. When we don't file for small violations, then homeowners begin to think the rules don't apply to themselves.
- Thanks for your tremendous commitment to public service and education
- Your persistence to get me to complete this bordered on annoying, but as you can see I have done it out of responsibility
- No
- In most cases I believe you are doing a great job.
- No confidentiality, huh? We need a strong recycling program back - the landfills are getting critical
- I am worried about privatizing groundwater withdrawal. I know you have been working in this area, but I'm not convinced that projected groundwater withdrawals by planned bottling plants would not hurt the surrounding communities.
- The new shore land protection act is not well thought out
- Your survey is too long!
- Des will never have enough money to properly enforce the rules and regulations it has today. Local CCS should be leveraged to manage a subset of regulation in their local towns. This could be permitting and monitoring of simple wetland crossings for towns that want that responsibility. This will ease the budgetary problems and the lack of enforcement des currently experiences
- My answers may be different from other planning board members. Some are more or less concerned about issues.
- Great staff. Not sure process for septic permits works, especially on old systems. Landfills being developed in backyards without permits
- Thanks for the swift approval of permits for our recent bridge crisis on hunts pond road.
- My committee is environment and agriculture; we work closely with recreation, resources and development committee. We have to preserve this state for future residents, and wildlife.
- Overall I think the department does a good job with its limited resources
- It would be helpful to have a workshop for local road agents on how/when to fill out dredge and fill permits for road maintenance.
- In general, I think the des does a very good job particularly with their mission. I think it is one of the most important state agencies, not only for the public health issues but the fact that our biggest resource in New Hampshire is the natural resource. I work on a regular basis with des and find their staff helpful and willing to work through problems, though not all the time. All in all good job.
- Don't let this be one of those surveys that I fill out, but never see the results. E-mail the results only.
- Thanks for the new shoreline protection act and for all the work you do!
- I live on great bay and am familiar with shore land protection and water quality issues on the bay. I have a private well, but am aware that the oyster river reservoir has had problems in the past with water quality and supply.
- Please keep us informed-----I really appreciate all the good work that des does



- Commitment of there purpose: "the protection and wise management of the state of new Hampshire's environment are the important goals of the NH department of environmental services (des)".
- No
- The shoreline protection act standards are excessive.
- Use your own funds to clean water sources, i.e. Ponds, rivers.
- Keep regulations within reason.
- Des needs more expertise and enforcement capabilities to deal with meg-developers and users of water resources---i.e. More muscle to protect the public interest.
- Of all the state dept. Des has consistently served the general public the best. Having served as state legislature for 27 years and restaurant owner for 42 years previous to that continue your efforts to serve NH best interest. Thank you for your inquiry and best regards.
- I would encourage the department to continue its efforts with helping smaller communities with issues that can be very confusing and overwhelming. I would also encourage continued work on public awareness.
- Budget needs to be larger to do a better job of enforcement = hire some people!
- The wetlands bureau needs more help or the permit system needs to be streamlined. It is absurd that a minimum impact, (even an expected min. Impact) can take more than 3 months to review.
- It should change its name to dept. Of environmental protection. "environmental services" implies that the environment is being "served" (or provides the service)
- You have some great staff! Help them with ways to do their assignments more efficiently
- No
- Keep up the good work
- Continue to be improving responsiveness to inquires/requests
- Not at this time
- Water withdrawals by pennichuck water...des is supposed to be monitoring Darrah pond in Litchfield, are they? Water withdrawals by lawn companies in out wetlands are road side
- The new shoreline protection act does not protect a neighbors well when new septic are approved (i.e. I believe a septic can be placed 10 ft from property line without consideration of the proximity of the neighbors well.
- Staff with whom we have contact are excellent! Jody Connor is one who comes to mind, but, all are excellent. It's impressive that the staff can keep such people on the payroll! Very responsive to our very small town needs!
- No
- Take local opinion into consideration more on wetlands permitting.
- Good personnel in subsurface- I move money needed to keep good personnel. Charge more for fees for permits
- Good luck in cracking (resolving) the "funding juggernaut" in the state!
- Not at this time
- We need a management plan for Lake Winnepesaukee so all towns around the lake can pull in the same direction to assure this economic engine keeps running at full speed. NH DES, unh, Plymouth state and other researchers/monitors need to be better coordinated and less competitive.
- Reassess priorities regularly based on comparative risk analysis, putting resources where they are most needed based on good research. Then educate public a lot to help garner support for these priorities. With climate change developing we need to focus on shifting priorities and may have to forego some of the older programs. Shifting vast resources to mitigate climate change has to happen now - ASAP.
- Thanks for asking!
- My greatest concern is our aquifers and water supply areas such as exist in concord - how to keep them clear and safe; I would also support efforts to eliminate the bottled water industry.
- We have loads of violations that des won't address. Instead they beat up our highway department

on culvert maintenance.

- State is weakest on modern forest management methods (still believe in "take the best and leave the rest". Protect Pisgah park as "wild" park - reduce motorized uses.
- Protection is given to lakes and rivers yet most problems occur in small brooks and flow into these larger bodies. Let's do a better job of regulation, protection and enforcement upstream.
- Quicker turnaround on wetland permits.
- My mind is full of disagreement with school board wants. Presently not drinking water from water supplied into my home. Same holds true for about 30 homes owners in my development.
- Keep up the good work: support waste reduction and recycling, public transportation and energy efficiency to reduce environmental impacts.
- What is needed is more classes without cost.
- Needs to be a balance between recreation and conservation. We can have both if properly managed and enforced.
- Nothing
- The NH des is very dictatorial and in most cases doesn't have to answer to anyone. In a lot of cases they don't understand their job.
- State of NH is not minimizing the run off into lakes (Stinson lake) and streams. Stinson Lake is experiencing several problems related to same.
- The des needs to work more cooperatively with the dot and the needs of the town to make it easier to do road and bridge work and to allow agriculture to do common sense ideas to be able to farm! Such as drainage and small pond construction and excavations.
- I've worked with Frank Richardson and wish to note that he's very knowledgeable and practical.  
Jon Wordell
- We appreciate the support and cooperation we receive from des staff. Small communities would not be effective or efficient in providing customer service while protecting the environment without such assistance.
- Be more user-friendly
- Economic development = more people = lower quality of life we need a sustainable economy that is not dependent on new home construction & population growth.
- You probably don't have enough time!
- At times I feel the city of Manchester is exempt from rules or regulations regarding water resources.
- No
- We would like to see NH DES take a more active role in educating the public on water conservation issues. We'd also like to see legislative action against coal facilities in the Midwest that are causing acid rain and polluting our lakes. We'd like to be able to eat fresh water fish without the threat of mercury poisoning. We'd like to see NH DES enforce infractions in a timely manner.
- Keep up the good work! Water quality is a state asset. We need to pay attention to public water access for the public.
- Not at this time
- No
- Frustrated with ability of town to regulate land & water use when decisions are overridden by des
- Road sand is choking our rural roads - it should be reused and the hazard reg rewritten. The "patriot" act will destroy tree cover along those same rural roads for "grid security". Higher pavement temps "cook" the hot top we lose tourists and the roads turn brittle.
- NH DES should have the resources to properly enforce existing rules before instituting new rules.
- Atkinson has a currently volatile dialogue going on regarding water. My responses here are based on my knowledge of laws & ordinances coupled with a degree on geology. But if you asked some of our citizens you would have gotten wildly different answers to these questions!
- No public water or sewer in Brookline. Recent treatment of Lake P... And Melinder pond for

milfoil appears to be successful so far. Recent dam work on Tulbot - Taylor dam

- We need new grey water rules that allow tanks & cisterns, reuse, recycling, irrigation. ... Help remove outhouses with better use of composting toilets. We waste far too much water by not allowing functional use of greywater.
- Very pleased with staff at wetlands bureau. They are giving projects more thorough reviews. I think the whole department has been positively impacted by Tom Burack's leadership. Reviewers and enforcement officers feel supported by the department's current administration.
- Mandatory milfoil inspection (i.e. lake hosts) @ all infested ramps; literature for boaters & marinas get dot/unh storm water/des/gov't center to work together on lid & storm water mgt & erosion control, make bmp's stricter & mandatory
- I think water and sewage should have to be removed from lakes and water property. Old sewage systems should be forced to update.
- On several occasions our town experienced erosion/flooding issues and des has responded in a timely and professional manner. I feel with our citizenry and environmental concerns we, as a community, have a handle on environmental issues. Also our concerns are "plugged in" our master plan.
- Instead of being just rule makers, help smaller towns with implementation.
- Standardize and enforce
- Appreciate all the hard work; know some great dedicated employees standup for the roles; make sure you consider the natural services offered by our resources when making decisions.
- An agency like des cannot adequately perform its complex function without sufficient resources. As long as the tax structure in New Hampshire remains so heavily tied to property taxes, des (and similar agencies) will never receive adequate funds. It will take a disaster - natural or otherwise - to wake up the population.
- More enforcement required
- This year's increase in field service personnel is very good. Still need/want more help with local enforcement.
- Funding and staffing of this department are inadequate. The legislature must address this.
- You don't have enough staff (LOCAL) to investigate/enforce existing laws.
- I am very concerned about the position this Town's been put in by the University's unbridled growth. Water supply is finite and sewage treatment COSTS. While USNH has contributed significant infrastructure costs to both Durham and Keene, Plymouth remains UNFAIRLY uncompensated. USNH should FAIRLY and equitably distribute its state tax dollars to defray costs of municipal services in ALL its host communities.
- I'd like to see more encouragement/educational efforts coming from DES to local town officials regarding the need to protect open space as they develop more land. These efforts should target selectmen, planning board and zone board of adjustment officials.
- More state money needs to be collected and spent in helping municipalities enforce their ordinances and protect their water resources IN A TIMELY MANNER!
- Needs to be a balance between recreation and conservation. We can have both if properly managed and enforced.
- When DES does testing in the town, does the board of selectman / conservation commission get copied on results of such testing? This goes to question 9 - the more specific information we have, the better our decisions will be.
- Stronger enforcement and fines for violators
- No
- Lighten up! Too many regulations proposed = more bureaucracy and money!
- The new permit for CSPA is cumbersome and the fees are high. "One size fits all" permit seems excessive for the homeowner who wants to do a little yard project.
- Not at this time
- We need more communications with town and city's on what's going on with water and wells and

septic

- The wetlands mitigation policy is cumbersome and hard to interpret. Please streamline it.
- What are DES's thoughts on the purchase of Pennichuck water?
- I would like to thank you for your support of three ponds protection Associations efforts to protect us from invasive aquatic species, especially when milfoil was found 11 miles upstream in great east. Looking forward to similar support for erosion central efforts.
- We need DES inspectors covering specific areas of the state who can respond quickly and who are intimately familiar with the watershed, not just the big lakes, ponds, and rivers. Everyone at shore land works hard and should be commended.
- The DES should hire more staff or give enforcement authority to towns
- Many questions in this survey only gauge perception of those surveyed - not the reality of local problems. Personal belief and perception may have no basis in FACT.
- Bedrock mapping including fracture trace mapping is or can be a key tool.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **TABULAR RESULTS**

Q1a: From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area: Contaminated drinking water

	Severe Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Not a Problem	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	4%	8%	34%	50%	4%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	5%	12%	32%	47%	4%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	6%	17%	35%	39%	4%	114
Local Governing Body	3%	5%	30%	58%	5%	175
Town Planners / Chairs	5%	12%	34%	44%	5%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	7%	9%	23%	54%	7%	100
5 to 9 years	4%	11%	37%	45%	3%	95
10 to 19 years	4%	9%	43%	39%	5%	112
20 or more years	3%	12%	28%	55%	2%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	6%	5%	26%	58%	4%	95
Western NH	3%	5%	38%	43%	11%	63
Central/Lakes	4%	8%	26%	58%	3%	72
Hillsborough County	6%	8%	38%	44%	3%	63
Seacoast	3%	18%	34%	42%	3%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	5%	13%	35%	44%	4%	196
2nd District	4%	7%	30%	53%	6%	216

Q1b: From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area: Lack of public water supply

	Severe Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Not a Problem	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	4%	15%	20%	55%	6%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	3%	16%	20%	52%	8%	231
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	8%	17%	21%	50%	4%	112
Local Governing Body	2%	11%	18%	59%	9%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	2%	18%	21%	49%	11%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	8%	8%	13%	65%	6%	100
5 to 9 years	3%	14%	24%	47%	12%	95
10 to 19 years	3%	23%	16%	45%	13%	111
20 or more years	1%	14%	26%	56%	3%	100
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	4%	12%	15%	60%	10%	94
Western NH	3%	8%	13%	65%	11%	62
Central/Lakes	3%	11%	22%	54%	10%	72
Hillsborough County	5%	19%	24%	48%	5%	63
Seacoast	3%	19%	24%	47%	7%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	4%	18%	24%	47%	7%	194
2nd District	3%	11%	16%	60%	10%	215

Q1c: From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area: Lack of public wastewater systems

	Severe Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Not a Problem	DK/NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	6%	22%	16%	47%	10%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	6%	19%	21%	45%	10%	232
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	11%	22%	16%	45%	6%	114
Local Governing Body	5%	15%	16%	51%	13%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	2%	22%	25%	36%	15%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	7%	18%	12%	55%	8%	100
5 to 9 years	7%	14%	25%	38%	16%	95
10 to 19 years	6%	23%	18%	39%	14%	111
20 or more years	2%	21%	22%	48%	7%	100
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	6%	18%	21%	39%	15%	94
Western NH	2%	14%	17%	51%	16%	63
Central/Lakes	8%	20%	17%	44%	11%	71
Hillsborough County	6%	16%	21%	48%	8%	62
Seacoast	4%	23%	18%	46%	8%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	5%	21%	21%	44%	10%	195
2nd District	6%	17%	18%	47%	13%	214



Q1d: From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area: The condition of water and wastewater infrastructure

	Severe Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Not a Problem	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>413</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	8%	20%	21%	27%	24%	156
Somewhat/Very Informed	7%	23%	22%	28%	19%	232
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	12%	29%	23%	26%	10%	110
Local Governing Body	8%	19%	23%	29%	22%	172
Town Planners / Chairs	2%	18%	19%	30%	31%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	10%	19%	18%	38%	15%	97
5 to 9 years	4%	23%	24%	23%	27%	93
10 to 19 years	10%	26%	15%	24%	25%	110
20 or more years	5%	20%	27%	31%	17%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	11%	19%	22%	27%	21%	94
Western NH	3%	18%	18%	28%	33%	61
Central/Lakes	6%	17%	25%	41%	11%	71
Hillsborough County	5%	22%	27%	27%	19%	63
Seacoast	9%	26%	17%	25%	22%	116
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	9%	24%	19%	29%	20%	193
2nd District	6%	18%	24%	29%	23%	212

Q1e: From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area: High cost of drinking water

	Severe Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Not a Problem	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	3%	14%	24%	37%	21%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	1%	16%	22%	44%	17%	231
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	2%	21%	34%	32%	12%	113
Local Governing Body	3%	16%	18%	44%	20%	172
Town Planners / Chairs	2%	8%	18%	45%	27%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	5%	22%	27%	31%	15%	100
5 to 9 years	0%	16%	22%	36%	26%	94
10 to 19 years	2%	12%	19%	46%	21%	112
20 or more years	2%	11%	22%	48%	16%	99
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	5%	13%	21%	40%	20%	94
Western NH	2%	6%	25%	41%	25%	63
Central/Lakes	1%	15%	23%	51%	10%	71
Hillsborough County	3%	13%	20%	44%	20%	61
Seacoast	0%	21%	23%	35%	21%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	1%	17%	22%	42%	18%	195
2nd District	3%	13%	23%	41%	20%	213

Q1f: From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area: High cost of public sewer service

	Severe Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Not a Problem	DK/NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	6%	18%	19%	26%	30%	409
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	5%	19%	25%	21%	31%	155
Somewhat/Very Informed	7%	18%	16%	29%	29%	229
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	8%	27%	27%	21%	18%	112
Local Governing Body	8%	19%	17%	27%	30%	169
Town Planners / Chairs	2%	9%	16%	31%	42%	128
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	6%	25%	28%	25%	16%	97
5 to 9 years	4%	16%	15%	28%	37%	93
10 to 19 years	9%	11%	20%	19%	41%	108
20 or more years	6%	20%	15%	35%	24%	100
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	10%	9%	23%	31%	28%	94
Western NH	5%	15%	16%	25%	39%	61
Central/Lakes	8%	21%	27%	26%	18%	66
Hillsborough County	6%	16%	17%	25%	35%	63
Seacoast	4%	25%	14%	26%	32%	117
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	5%	19%	17%	32%	27%	193
2nd District	8%	16%	21%	22%	33%	208

Q1g: From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area: Inadequate maintenance of home septic systems

	Severe Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Not a Problem	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	5%	22%	37%	24%	13%	420
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	3%	22%	36%	20%	19%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	6%	23%	39%	24%	9%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	8%	25%	23%	24%	20%	114
Local Governing Body	3%	18%	38%	29%	12%	175
Town Planners / Chairs	4%	24%	47%	17%	8%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	7%	17%	30%	33%	13%	100
5 to 9 years	3%	20%	44%	20%	13%	95
10 to 19 years	6%	23%	41%	18%	12%	112
20 or more years	3%	28%	31%	24%	14%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	6%	23%	33%	25%	13%	95
Western NH	2%	27%	32%	27%	13%	63
Central/Lakes	4%	24%	38%	22%	13%	72
Hillsborough County	6%	16%	43%	27%	8%	63
Seacoast	5%	20%	39%	19%	17%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	5%	24%	36%	20%	14%	196
2nd District	5%	20%	37%	26%	12%	216

Q1h: From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area: Cost of septage (septic tank contents) disposal

	Severe Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Not a Problem	DK/NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	1%	21%	33%	23%	22%	156
Somewhat/Very Informed	3%	26%	32%	27%	12%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	4%	28%	28%	21%	21%	112
Local Governing Body	2%	20%	33%	31%	15%	172
Town Planners / Chairs	2%	27%	32%	24%	15%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	1%	16%	32%	30%	20%	99
5 to 9 years	3%	20%	36%	29%	12%	94
10 to 19 years	5%	23%	32%	23%	18%	111
20 or more years	1%	36%	25%	22%	15%	99
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	2%	27%	31%	26%	14%	93
Western NH	2%	21%	33%	21%	24%	63
Central/Lakes	3%	24%	24%	29%	20%	70
Hillsborough County	2%	28%	33%	26%	11%	61
Seacoast	3%	21%	34%	27%	15%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	3%	28%	33%	23%	13%	195
2nd District	2%	20%	30%	29%	19%	211

Q1i: From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area: Security and protection of water resources infrastructure

	Severe Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Not a Problem	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	6%	16%	27%	28%	22%	158
Somewhat/Very Informed	10%	18%	25%	33%	14%	231
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	19%	22%	24%	22%	13%	113
Local Governing Body	4%	15%	26%	41%	15%	171
Town Planners / Chairs	5%	16%	26%	26%	27%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	9%	18%	27%	30%	16%	98
5 to 9 years	8%	20%	26%	30%	16%	93
10 to 19 years	11%	18%	21%	29%	21%	112
20 or more years	6%	14%	27%	37%	17%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	7%	10%	28%	36%	20%	92
Western NH	13%	11%	19%	31%	26%	62
Central/Lakes	7%	10%	31%	38%	15%	72
Hillsborough County	8%	29%	22%	24%	17%	63
Seacoast	8%	23%	24%	29%	16%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	8%	20%	26%	30%	16%	192
2nd District	8%	14%	25%	33%	20%	215

Q2a: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Water quality of streams and rivers

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	31%	45%	16%	7%	1%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	35%	37%	20%	8%	0%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	37%	42%	13%	8%	0%	114
Local Governing Body	27%	38%	24%	11%	0%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	38%	43%	15%	3%	1%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	33%	41%	16%	9%	0%	99
5 to 9 years	35%	34%	23%	7%	1%	95
10 to 19 years	35%	45%	15%	5%	0%	112
20 or more years	30%	41%	21%	9%	0%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	34%	38%	18%	10%	0%	94
Western NH	37%	37%	16%	11%	0%	63
Central/Lakes	31%	45%	11%	13%	0%	71
Hillsborough County	33%	38%	24%	5%	0%	63
Seacoast	29%	45%	21%	3%	1%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	32%	44%	18%	6%	1%	195
2nd District	33%	39%	19%	10%	0%	215

Q2b: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Potential contamination of existing wells and aquifers

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	27%	51%	14%	6%	2%	158
Somewhat/Very Informed	33%	44%	18%	4%	0%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	38%	44%	11%	5%	3%	112
Local Governing Body	23%	50%	21%	5%	1%	175
Town Planners / Chairs	34%	46%	16%	4%	0%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	32%	50%	12%	6%	0%	98
5 to 9 years	26%	51%	17%	5%	1%	95
10 to 19 years	32%	48%	17%	3%	1%	111
20 or more years	33%	39%	19%	6%	3%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	25%	51%	19%	4%	1%	95
Western NH	29%	48%	14%	10%	0%	63
Central/Lakes	30%	45%	18%	3%	4%	71
Hillsborough County	41%	37%	16%	6%	0%	63
Seacoast	29%	51%	15%	3%	1%	117
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	31%	45%	20%	2%	2%	194
2nd District	29%	49%	13%	7%	1%	215



Q2c: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Impact of development on water quality (erosion and sedimentation, contaminated runoff, nutrient loading)

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	40%	43%	12%	4%	1%	158
Somewhat/Very Informed	45%	37%	13%	4%	0%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	44%	42%	8%	5%	1%	114
Local Governing Body	36%	37%	21%	4%	1%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	51%	40%	6%	3%	0%	129
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	48%	37%	9%	4%	1%	99
5 to 9 years	38%	44%	13%	4%	1%	94
10 to 19 years	47%	36%	13%	4%	0%	112
20 or more years	38%	42%	16%	4%	1%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	36%	44%	14%	4%	2%	95
Western NH	30%	49%	14%	6%	0%	63
Central/Lakes	51%	34%	9%	4%	1%	70
Hillsborough County	44%	34%	19%	3%	0%	62
Seacoast	47%	39%	11%	3%	0%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	48%	37%	12%	3%	1%	196
2nd District	37%	43%	14%	5%	1%	213

Q2d: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Pollution caused by stormwater

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	25%	40%	26%	7%	3%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	29%	42%	23%	6%	1%	231
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	35%	34%	25%	4%	3%	113
Local Governing Body	19%	42%	30%	8%	2%	172
Town Planners / Chairs	30%	48%	15%	6%	1%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	31%	43%	18%	7%	1%	98
5 to 9 years	25%	41%	29%	3%	1%	95
10 to 19 years	29%	41%	21%	9%	0%	111
20 or more years	21%	41%	27%	6%	5%	100
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	23%	39%	28%	7%	2%	94
Western NH	21%	39%	23%	13%	3%	61
Central/Lakes	33%	30%	27%	6%	4%	70
Hillsborough County	25%	41%	29%	5%	0%	63
Seacoast	25%	53%	18%	3%	0%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	28%	47%	21%	3%	2%	195
2nd District	24%	37%	28%	9%	2%	212

Q2e: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Excessive aquatic plants or algae

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	24%	42%	22%	6%	5%	157
Somewhat/Very Informed	27%	42%	21%	8%	1%	231
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	31%	43%	20%	5%	1%	114
Local Governing Body	24%	38%	27%	9%	2%	172
Town Planners / Chairs	24%	46%	17%	8%	5%	128
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	28%	42%	23%	6%	0%	99
5 to 9 years	26%	41%	25%	4%	3%	95
10 to 19 years	26%	39%	24%	8%	3%	108
20 or more years	24%	45%	16%	11%	5%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	22%	42%	22%	10%	4%	92
Western NH	27%	40%	21%	8%	5%	63
Central/Lakes	31%	41%	19%	6%	3%	70
Hillsborough County	24%	44%	24%	8%	0%	62
Seacoast	25%	42%	24%	7%	2%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	26%	44%	23%	5%	2%	194
2nd District	25%	40%	22%	10%	3%	212

Q2f: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Soil erosion from agricultural fields / construction

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	14%	40%	30%	13%	4%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	13%	44%	33%	9%	0%	232
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	19%	43%	24%	11%	4%	113
Local Governing Body	10%	36%	40%	13%	1%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	13%	49%	28%	8%	2%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	13%	51%	24%	10%	2%	99
5 to 9 years	18%	36%	36%	9%	1%	94
10 to 19 years	13%	46%	26%	13%	3%	111
20 or more years	10%	36%	40%	12%	2%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	14%	36%	37%	12%	2%	95
Western NH	15%	42%	29%	15%	0%	62
Central/Lakes	18%	39%	28%	8%	6%	71
Hillsborough County	10%	38%	38%	14%	0%	63
Seacoast	10%	49%	31%	8%	2%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	10%	45%	34%	9%	2%	195
2nd District	15%	38%	31%	13%	2%	214

Q2g: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Storage and/or use of road salt

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	19%	44%	25%	11%	1%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	24%	45%	24%	7%	0%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	24%	43%	18%	11%	4%	114
Local Governing Body	17%	49%	24%	10%	0%	175
Town Planners / Chairs	25%	42%	29%	3%	1%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	19%	44%	25%	10%	1%	99
5 to 9 years	17%	55%	21%	7%	0%	95
10 to 19 years	23%	40%	25%	9%	3%	112
20 or more years	28%	39%	24%	8%	1%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	21%	41%	28%	8%	1%	95
Western NH	21%	48%	19%	13%	0%	63
Central/Lakes	25%	38%	28%	7%	1%	71
Hillsborough County	21%	48%	21%	11%	0%	63
Seacoast	21%	47%	24%	6%	3%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	23%	46%	24%	5%	2%	196
2nd District	20%	43%	25%	12%	1%	215

Q2h: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Contaminated fish

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	14%	24%	36%	15%	11%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	16%	30%	32%	15%	6%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	25%	27%	32%	11%	5%	113
Local Governing Body	10%	28%	35%	19%	8%	175
Town Planners / Chairs	12%	28%	33%	15%	11%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	17%	24%	41%	14%	3%	99
5 to 9 years	14%	27%	35%	14%	11%	95
10 to 19 years	18%	22%	34%	17%	9%	112
20 or more years	11%	37%	25%	17%	11%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	12%	26%	35%	18%	9%	95
Western NH	25%	13%	32%	22%	8%	63
Central/Lakes	17%	35%	32%	10%	6%	71
Hillsborough County	15%	23%	37%	19%	6%	62
Seacoast	11%	34%	33%	13%	10%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	12%	31%	34%	13%	10%	195
2nd District	18%	24%	33%	19%	7%	215

Q2i: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Closed fishing or shell fishing areas

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	13%	14%	22%	17%	35%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	9%	23%	22%	18%	27%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	18%	30%	22%	13%	18%	114
Local Governing Body	10%	14%	24%	22%	30%	175
Town Planners / Chairs	6%	15%	21%	17%	41%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	17%	17%	25%	22%	18%	99
5 to 9 years	8%	15%	25%	20%	32%	95
10 to 19 years	10%	22%	20%	15%	33%	112
20 or more years	9%	22%	20%	16%	34%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	6%	8%	21%	27%	37%	95
Western NH	6%	16%	13%	17%	48%	63
Central/Lakes	11%	20%	24%	24%	21%	71
Hillsborough County	10%	16%	30%	19%	25%	63
Seacoast	16%	31%	22%	8%	24%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	12%	28%	23%	14%	23%	196
2nd District	9%	11%	20%	22%	37%	215

Q2j: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Mercury in lakes & ponds from air pollution

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	23%	36%	23%	11%	8%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	31%	33%	18%	12%	6%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	41%	28%	14%	11%	6%	114
Local Governing Body	20%	33%	23%	14%	9%	175
Town Planners / Chairs	25%	41%	20%	8%	5%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	24%	30%	27%	15%	3%	99
5 to 9 years	24%	38%	21%	9%	7%	95
10 to 19 years	30%	35%	14%	12%	9%	112
20 or more years	30%	32%	17%	11%	10%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	21%	33%	25%	13%	8%	95
Western NH	33%	27%	16%	17%	6%	63
Central/Lakes	35%	31%	20%	8%	6%	71
Hillsborough County	27%	29%	19%	17%	8%	63
Seacoast	24%	44%	18%	7%	8%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	24%	39%	21%	8%	8%	196
2nd District	30%	30%	19%	15%	7%	215



Q2k: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area: Acid rain

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	25%	43%	23%	6%	3%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	29%	39%	23%	7%	2%	232
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	42%	32%	18%	5%	3%	113
Local Governing Body	20%	40%	28%	9%	2%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	24%	47%	21%	5%	3%	129
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	17%	44%	28%	8%	2%	99
5 to 9 years	28%	42%	23%	6%	1%	93
10 to 19 years	35%	34%	18%	9%	4%	112
20 or more years	29%	40%	25%	4%	3%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	22%	40%	26%	9%	2%	95
Western NH	33%	35%	16%	11%	5%	63
Central/Lakes	36%	38%	19%	6%	1%	69
Hillsborough County	27%	34%	31%	5%	3%	62
Seacoast	22%	50%	22%	4%	3%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	24%	45%	25%	4%	2%	195
2nd District	30%	37%	21%	9%	3%	213

Q3a: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to recreation and navigation in your area: Closed public swimming areas

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	17%	28%	21%	14%	19%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	15%	27%	27%	19%	12%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	22%	31%	23%	12%	12%	113
Local Governing Body	14%	25%	24%	23%	14%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	12%	28%	26%	15%	18%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	20%	27%	24%	19%	10%	100
5 to 9 years	15%	25%	28%	14%	18%	93
10 to 19 years	14%	27%	23%	22%	14%	111
20 or more years	12%	33%	23%	15%	18%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	8%	23%	26%	24%	18%	95
Western NH	16%	23%	23%	26%	13%	62
Central/Lakes	24%	31%	25%	11%	8%	71
Hillsborough County	10%	37%	31%	15%	8%	62
Seacoast	18%	26%	21%	14%	20%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	17%	30%	22%	13%	18%	196
2nd District	14%	25%	27%	22%	12%	213

Q3b: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to recreation and navigation in your area: Insufficient access to water-dependent recreation

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	18%	31%	27%	17%	7%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	16%	31%	25%	23%	4%	232
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	18%	42%	21%	14%	5%	113
Local Governing Body	14%	26%	27%	26%	7%	172
Town Planners / Chairs	19%	26%	30%	22%	3%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	16%	33%	31%	18%	2%	100
5 to 9 years	16%	26%	27%	22%	10%	93
10 to 19 years	12%	32%	28%	25%	4%	110
20 or more years	24%	31%	21%	19%	6%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	15%	25%	22%	32%	6%	95
Western NH	13%	30%	26%	28%	3%	61
Central/Lakes	26%	29%	26%	17%	3%	70
Hillsborough County	14%	40%	24%	21%	2%	63
Seacoast	14%	31%	34%	13%	8%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	17%	32%	29%	16%	6%	196
2nd District	15%	29%	25%	27%	4%	212

Q3c: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to recreation and navigation in your area: Too many boats, etc. on our lakes, etc.

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>412</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	16%	35%	22%	18%	9%	158
Somewhat/Very Informed	15%	33%	26%	17%	8%	230
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	18%	38%	25%	10%	9%	111
Local Governing Body	13%	32%	22%	25%	8%	170
Town Planners / Chairs	15%	33%	29%	13%	11%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	10%	44%	24%	15%	6%	98
5 to 9 years	20%	32%	23%	20%	7%	92
10 to 19 years	17%	25%	31%	15%	12%	110
20 or more years	14%	33%	23%	21%	10%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	14%	31%	25%	20%	11%	95
Western NH	16%	34%	31%	15%	3%	61
Central/Lakes	20%	46%	13%	17%	3%	69
Hillsborough County	19%	26%	29%	13%	13%	62
Seacoast	10%	33%	27%	17%	12%	117
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	15%	36%	24%	16%	9%	193
2nd District	15%	32%	27%	18%	9%	211

Q3d: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to recreation and navigation in your area: Adequacy of ports, channels, etc. for navigation and commerce

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>413</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	4%	19%	18%	16%	42%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	7%	12%	26%	18%	38%	230
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	8%	25%	27%	14%	26%	112
Local Governing Body	4%	14%	22%	19%	41%	172
Town Planners / Chairs	5%	9%	20%	16%	50%	129
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	9%	20%	25%	20%	25%	99
5 to 9 years	1%	12%	23%	17%	47%	94
10 to 19 years	6%	17%	18%	17%	43%	109
20 or more years	7%	14%	25%	15%	39%	100
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	3%	4%	25%	25%	43%	93
Western NH	6%	13%	13%	8%	60%	62
Central/Lakes	4%	16%	26%	16%	39%	70
Hillsborough County	3%	15%	21%	21%	40%	62
Seacoast	9%	25%	26%	14%	26%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	8%	18%	28%	17%	29%	193
2nd District	4%	12%	18%	17%	49%	212

Q3e: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to recreation and navigation in your area: Reduced beauty of lakes or streams

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	23%	41%	20%	12%	4%	158
Somewhat/Very Informed	22%	44%	19%	13%	2%	232
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	23%	41%	23%	8%	5%	111
Local Governing Body	19%	40%	18%	19%	3%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	22%	48%	18%	8%	3%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	22%	47%	15%	14%	1%	99
5 to 9 years	22%	37%	23%	11%	6%	94
10 to 19 years	22%	43%	18%	15%	3%	108
20 or more years	19%	42%	24%	11%	5%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	15%	43%	24%	15%	3%	94
Western NH	26%	42%	16%	13%	3%	62
Central/Lakes	30%	41%	17%	10%	3%	71
Hillsborough County	23%	39%	21%	15%	3%	62
Seacoast	18%	47%	19%	12%	5%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	19%	47%	20%	10%	4%	194
2nd District	23%	38%	20%	15%	3%	213

Q4a: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Impact of water withdrawals used for lawn watering during dry periods

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	14%	31%	33%	17%	6%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	15%	30%	30%	21%	4%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	25%	37%	23%	11%	4%	114
Local Governing Body	9%	28%	35%	22%	6%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	11%	28%	34%	21%	5%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	11%	32%	38%	18%	1%	100
5 to 9 years	12%	32%	29%	22%	5%	94
10 to 19 years	15%	30%	26%	19%	10%	112
20 or more years	16%	30%	32%	19%	3%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	11%	18%	37%	31%	4%	95
Western NH	5%	25%	37%	21%	13%	63
Central/Lakes	11%	30%	31%	21%	7%	71
Hillsborough County	21%	33%	33%	11%	2%	63
Seacoast	20%	43%	22%	13%	2%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	18%	35%	30%	16%	2%	196
2nd District	10%	27%	32%	23%	8%	215

Q4b: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Inefficient use of water (indoors and/or outdoors)

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	21%	38%	25%	13%	4%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	18%	39%	25%	15%	3%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	32%	37%	17%	9%	5%	114
Local Governing Body	8%	40%	32%	18%	3%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	20%	37%	27%	12%	5%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	17%	38%	27%	17%	1%	100
5 to 9 years	17%	40%	27%	14%	2%	94
10 to 19 years	21%	32%	31%	8%	9%	111
20 or more years	19%	43%	20%	17%	2%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	13%	35%	28%	21%	3%	95
Western NH	11%	37%	27%	16%	10%	63
Central/Lakes	11%	42%	31%	14%	1%	71
Hillsborough County	29%	35%	32%	2%	2%	62
Seacoast	24%	40%	18%	13%	3%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	22%	39%	21%	15%	2%	196
2nd District	14%	37%	31%	13%	5%	214



Q4c: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Impact of large groundwater withdrawals (wells over 40 gallons per minute)

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	26%	33%	19%	8%	15%	158
Somewhat/Very Informed	35%	24%	26%	8%	7%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	51%	25%	11%	5%	8%	114
Local Governing Body	21%	28%	31%	10%	9%	170
Town Planners / Chairs	27%	27%	24%	7%	15%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	30%	26%	25%	9%	10%	100
5 to 9 years	31%	29%	26%	7%	7%	94
10 to 19 years	35%	22%	21%	9%	14%	110
20 or more years	28%	33%	24%	5%	10%	100
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	22%	23%	32%	11%	13%	93
Western NH	29%	19%	18%	16%	18%	62
Central/Lakes	23%	30%	30%	4%	14%	71
Hillsborough County	40%	30%	22%	6%	2%	63
Seacoast	39%	31%	17%	4%	8%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	35%	27%	24%	5%	9%	195
2nd District	27%	27%	23%	11%	12%	213

Q4d: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Cumulative impact of small groundwater withdrawals (including residential wells)

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	10%	35%	35%	13%	6%	417
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	7%	36%	35%	13%	9%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	13%	35%	35%	15%	2%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	17%	43%	25%	10%	5%	113
Local Governing Body	7%	25%	45%	17%	5%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	8%	42%	32%	11%	7%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	7%	34%	38%	13%	8%	100
5 to 9 years	11%	40%	34%	14%	1%	94
10 to 19 years	10%	37%	33%	14%	6%	111
20 or more years	14%	29%	41%	13%	4%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	7%	22%	44%	19%	7%	95
Western NH	13%	29%	29%	21%	10%	63
Central/Lakes	4%	35%	42%	14%	4%	71
Hillsborough County	10%	48%	29%	8%	5%	62
Seacoast	15%	42%	33%	7%	3%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	12%	40%	35%	10%	3%	195
2nd District	9%	31%	36%	16%	7%	214

Q4e: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: New bottled water facilities

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	34%	21%	12%	10%	23%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	36%	15%	19%	15%	15%	231
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	50%	21%	8%	9%	12%	114
Local Governing Body	22%	19%	23%	16%	21%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	36%	14%	14%	12%	24%	129
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	25%	26%	18%	16%	15%	100
5 to 9 years	37%	13%	18%	11%	21%	94
10 to 19 years	37%	16%	13%	11%	23%	110
20 or more years	36%	18%	16%	12%	19%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	24%	16%	14%	16%	31%	95
Western NH	28%	12%	15%	15%	30%	60
Central/Lakes	31%	17%	23%	15%	14%	71
Hillsborough County	37%	22%	17%	8%	16%	63
Seacoast	45%	22%	13%	10%	9%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	39%	18%	18%	12%	13%	196
2nd District	29%	18%	14%	14%	25%	212

Q4f: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Impact of surface water withdrawals on stream flow

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>412</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	15%	34%	24%	13%	14%	157
Somewhat/Very Informed	20%	37%	23%	16%	3%	231
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	29%	37%	17%	9%	8%	113
Local Governing Body	8%	34%	30%	19%	9%	170
Town Planners / Chairs	20%	36%	22%	12%	9%	129
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	9%	34%	28%	20%	9%	97
5 to 9 years	22%	30%	27%	14%	8%	93
10 to 19 years	17%	42%	20%	15%	6%	112
20 or more years	23%	34%	22%	9%	13%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	9%	34%	24%	20%	13%	93
Western NH	13%	36%	18%	25%	8%	61
Central/Lakes	19%	28%	28%	14%	12%	69
Hillsborough County	21%	32%	32%	11%	5%	63
Seacoast	25%	42%	21%	6%	6%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	22%	38%	22%	10%	8%	194
2nd District	14%	32%	26%	18%	9%	210

Q4g: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Impact of development on the amount of water in rivers, wetlands and groundwater

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	25%	41%	15%	12%	7%	158
Somewhat/Very Informed	31%	35%	19%	12%	3%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	32%	42%	12%	8%	6%	112
Local Governing Body	21%	35%	25%	14%	4%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	33%	36%	17%	10%	5%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	27%	36%	19%	14%	4%	100
5 to 9 years	31%	34%	20%	10%	4%	93
10 to 19 years	22%	44%	20%	12%	3%	110
20 or more years	30%	35%	17%	10%	8%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	15%	40%	21%	18%	6%	95
Western NH	21%	32%	19%	22%	6%	63
Central/Lakes	27%	41%	20%	7%	6%	71
Hillsborough County	27%	44%	16%	10%	3%	62
Seacoast	44%	30%	20%	4%	3%	117
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	35%	34%	17%	9%	4%	195
2nd District	21%	38%	21%	14%	5%	213

Q4h: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Shore land development

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	38%	36%	14%	6%	6%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	41%	30%	16%	8%	5%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	42%	32%	12%	7%	6%	113
Local Governing Body	30%	33%	22%	9%	6%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	47%	36%	9%	3%	5%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	40%	35%	14%	9%	2%	100
5 to 9 years	35%	33%	15%	6%	10%	93
10 to 19 years	43%	33%	14%	5%	4%	112
20 or more years	35%	34%	17%	7%	7%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	36%	34%	12%	9%	9%	95
Western NH	37%	27%	17%	13%	6%	63
Central/Lakes	44%	37%	13%	4%	3%	71
Hillsborough County	38%	30%	25%	7%	2%	61
Seacoast	39%	36%	15%	3%	6%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	41%	34%	14%	5%	6%	195
2nd District	37%	33%	17%	8%	5%	214

Q4i: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Beach or shoreline erosion

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	29%	36%	20%	6%	9%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	30%	31%	22%	8%	9%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	33%	33%	19%	5%	9%	114
Local Governing Body	26%	30%	22%	9%	13%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	29%	37%	22%	7%	5%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	34%	34%	20%	7%	5%	100
5 to 9 years	24%	32%	24%	5%	14%	94
10 to 19 years	29%	34%	20%	10%	7%	112
20 or more years	30%	33%	21%	7%	10%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	25%	38%	14%	15%	8%	95
Western NH	27%	27%	19%	11%	15%	62
Central/Lakes	39%	28%	23%	6%	4%	71
Hillsborough County	27%	35%	22%	6%	10%	63
Seacoast	27%	34%	29%	1%	10%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	30%	35%	22%	4%	10%	196
2nd District	28%	31%	21%	11%	9%	214

Q4j: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Increased flooding

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	37%	39%	17%	5%	3%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	42%	30%	21%	6%	1%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	50%	33%	11%	4%	2%	113
Local Governing Body	33%	32%	25%	7%	3%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	40%	36%	19%	4%	1%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	43%	36%	15%	5%	1%	100
5 to 9 years	37%	36%	19%	6%	1%	94
10 to 19 years	41%	31%	20%	7%	1%	112
20 or more years	37%	33%	24%	3%	4%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	31%	32%	25%	9%	3%	95
Western NH	27%	37%	21%	13%	3%	63
Central/Lakes	51%	28%	17%	4%	0%	71
Hillsborough County	48%	37%	13%	2%	2%	63
Seacoast	43%	35%	19%	2%	1%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	44%	34%	19%	2%	2%	195
2nd District	36%	33%	20%	9%	2%	215



Q4k: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Loss of wetlands

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	40%	39%	13%	6%	2%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	45%	28%	16%	9%	2%	232
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	49%	32%	12%	4%	3%	113
Local Governing Body	27%	41%	17%	11%	3%	172
Town Planners / Chairs	56%	24%	15%	5%	0%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	35%	41%	16%	5%	2%	99
5 to 9 years	41%	32%	15%	11%	1%	94
10 to 19 years	48%	31%	12%	9%	1%	111
20 or more years	45%	28%	19%	5%	4%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	31%	39%	15%	12%	4%	95
Western NH	44%	31%	15%	7%	3%	61
Central/Lakes	41%	34%	20%	6%	0%	71
Hillsborough County	52%	23%	18%	6%	2%	62
Seacoast	45%	35%	13%	6%	1%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	44%	36%	13%	6%	2%	196
2nd District	40%	31%	17%	9%	2%	212

Q41: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Dam maintenance

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	35%	36%	13%	8%	8%	158
Somewhat/Very Informed	27%	42%	19%	7%	5%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	46%	39%	7%	4%	4%	114
Local Governing Body	28%	40%	19%	8%	6%	172
Town Planners / Chairs	21%	39%	20%	9%	11%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	34%	38%	17%	7%	4%	98
5 to 9 years	28%	34%	21%	9%	9%	94
10 to 19 years	36%	41%	10%	6%	7%	112
20 or more years	26%	43%	18%	7%	7%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	23%	33%	20%	12%	12%	93
Western NH	30%	43%	11%	8%	8%	63
Central/Lakes	28%	45%	18%	4%	4%	71
Hillsborough County	32%	42%	16%	6%	3%	62
Seacoast	37%	38%	15%	5%	5%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	34%	37%	16%	6%	6%	195
2nd District	27%	42%	16%	8%	7%	213

Q4m: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Emergency planning and management for storms, hurricanes

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	18%	52%	22%	7%	2%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	21%	39%	29%	9%	1%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	25%	53%	15%	5%	2%	114
Local Governing Body	22%	38%	30%	10%	1%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	17%	42%	28%	8%	4%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	23%	48%	21%	5%	3%	100
5 to 9 years	13%	47%	28%	9%	3%	93
10 to 19 years	26%	38%	29%	7%	0%	112
20 or more years	21%	42%	25%	12%	1%	102
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	20%	33%	31%	14%	3%	95
Western NH	21%	38%	30%	11%	0%	63
Central/Lakes	18%	54%	20%	8%	0%	71
Hillsborough County	22%	41%	27%	6%	3%	63
Seacoast	24%	49%	22%	3%	2%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	25%	45%	22%	6%	3%	195
2nd District	18%	41%	29%	11%	1%	215

Q4n: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Drought management policies

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	13%	29%	36%	11%	11%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	13%	35%	34%	15%	3%	234
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	24%	42%	24%	5%	5%	113
Local Governing Body	8%	28%	41%	18%	5%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	9%	32%	35%	13%	11%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	14%	28%	36%	16%	6%	100
5 to 9 years	4%	37%	38%	13%	7%	94
10 to 19 years	15%	31%	35%	13%	5%	112
20 or more years	16%	37%	30%	11%	7%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	11%	24%	39%	20%	6%	95
Western NH	6%	22%	41%	19%	11%	63
Central/Lakes	11%	33%	36%	13%	7%	70
Hillsborough County	21%	32%	33%	8%	6%	63
Seacoast	14%	46%	28%	8%	4%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	13%	39%	32%	10%	6%	195
2nd District	12%	27%	37%	16%	7%	215

Q4o: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Regional conflict over water use and withdrawals

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	15%	33%	21%	16%	15%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	26%	23%	26%	17%	9%	233
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	34%	33%	17%	9%	7%	114
Local Governing Body	16%	24%	29%	20%	11%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	15%	28%	25%	15%	17%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	20%	29%	24%	20%	7%	100
5 to 9 years	19%	27%	22%	19%	13%	94
10 to 19 years	21%	32%	24%	13%	11%	112
20 or more years	24%	23%	28%	10%	16%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	17%	21%	28%	22%	12%	95
Western NH	16%	21%	23%	23%	18%	62
Central/Lakes	13%	28%	28%	13%	18%	71
Hillsborough County	25%	30%	25%	14%	5%	63
Seacoast	29%	35%	20%	8%	8%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	26%	32%	24%	10%	9%	196
2nd District	16%	24%	25%	20%	14%	214

Q4p: Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area: Climate change (including changes in storm intensity, etc.)

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>						
Not Very Informed	40%	36%	14%	9%	1%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	34%	34%	16%	14%	1%	232
<b>Position</b>						
State Level Government	48%	29%	9%	13%	1%	113
Local Governing Body	25%	36%	21%	16%	2%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	40%	39%	16%	5%	1%	129
<b>Years in Government</b>						
Less than 5 years	33%	39%	13%	14%	0%	99
5 to 9 years	37%	39%	15%	8%	2%	93
10 to 19 years	39%	33%	17%	10%	1%	111
20 or more years	37%	29%	19%	15%	1%	101
<b>Region of State</b>						
Northern NH	35%	32%	17%	13%	2%	93
Western NH	40%	34%	15%	10%	2%	62
Central/Lakes	45%	30%	10%	15%	0%	71
Hillsborough County	32%	37%	21%	10%	2%	63
Seacoast	31%	41%	18%	11%	0%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>						
1st District	30%	41%	17%	11%	1%	195
2nd District	42%	30%	15%	13%	1%	212

Q5a: Does your Town or district have plans to make a major capital investment in the next 5 years in any of the following? Water supply

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	19%	61%	20%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	26%	67%	7%	234
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	26%	49%	26%	113
Local Governing Body	27%	66%	7%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	15%	73%	13%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	35%	50%	15%	100
5 to 9 years	24%	61%	15%	94
10 to 19 years	16%	73%	11%	112
20 or more years	18%	67%	15%	101
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	21%	65%	14%	95
Western NH	8%	79%	13%	63
Central/Lakes	21%	56%	23%	71
Hillsborough County	25%	62%	13%	63
Seacoast	33%	58%	9%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	29%	58%	13%	195
2nd District	18%	68%	14%	215

Q5b: Does your Town or district have plans to make a major capital investment in the next 5 years in any of the following? Wastewater treatment

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	24%	57%	19%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	27%	63%	10%	234
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	33%	44%	23%	114
Local Governing Body	29%	61%	9%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	13%	73%	14%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	37%	47%	15%	99
5 to 9 years	26%	63%	12%	94
10 to 19 years	20%	68%	13%	112
20 or more years	21%	62%	18%	102
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	31%	55%	14%	94
Western NH	17%	73%	10%	63
Central/Lakes	18%	61%	21%	71
Hillsborough County	32%	57%	11%	63
Seacoast	27%	59%	14%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	27%	57%	16%	195
2nd District	24%	63%	13%	215



Q5c: Does your Town or district have plans to make a major capital investment in the next 5 years in any of the following? Storm water system

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	18%	60%	22%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	20%	68%	12%	233
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	23%	42%	35%	114
Local Governing Body	21%	68%	12%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	12%	79%	9%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	28%	54%	18%	99
5 to 9 years	18%	65%	17%	94
10 to 19 years	14%	69%	17%	112
20 or more years	15%	68%	17%	101
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	11%	72%	17%	94
Western NH	6%	81%	13%	63
Central/Lakes	23%	61%	16%	70
Hillsborough County	24%	59%	17%	63
Seacoast	25%	55%	19%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	21%	60%	20%	194
2nd District	16%	69%	14%	215

Q5d: Does your Town or district have plans to make a major capital investment in the next 5 years in any of the following? Dam construction / maintenance

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	9%	65%	26%	158
Somewhat/Very Informed	16%	72%	12%	233
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	11%	54%	34%	114
Local Governing Body	17%	71%	13%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	10%	75%	15%	129
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	14%	64%	22%	100
5 to 9 years	11%	70%	19%	94
10 to 19 years	16%	64%	20%	109
20 or more years	12%	74%	15%	102
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	2%	84%	14%	93
Western NH	14%	67%	19%	63
Central/Lakes	13%	62%	25%	71
Hillsborough County	6%	69%	24%	62
Seacoast	25%	59%	16%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	16%	64%	20%	194
2nd District	11%	71%	18%	214

Q5e: Does your Town or district have plans to make a major capital investment in the next 5 years in any of the following? Wetlands mitigation

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	10%	58%	32%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	17%	68%	15%	234
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	16%	42%	42%	114
Local Governing Body	13%	72%	16%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	13%	72%	15%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	15%	55%	30%	100
5 to 9 years	15%	59%	27%	94
10 to 19 years	13%	70%	18%	112
20 or more years	12%	71%	18%	102
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	11%	73%	17%	95
Western NH	10%	70%	21%	63
Central/Lakes	13%	59%	28%	71
Hillsborough County	10%	71%	19%	63
Seacoast	19%	53%	28%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	15%	57%	28%	196
2nd District	11%	70%	19%	215

Q5f: Does your Town or district have plans to make a major capital investment in the next 5 years in any of the following? Land conservation (for water protection)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	24%	48%	28%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	39%	47%	14%	233
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	35%	32%	32%	114
Local Governing Body	29%	55%	16%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	35%	48%	16%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	29%	46%	25%	100
5 to 9 years	29%	48%	23%	93
10 to 19 years	41%	40%	19%	112
20 or more years	33%	54%	13%	102
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	23%	57%	20%	95
Western NH	22%	51%	27%	63
Central/Lakes	27%	49%	24%	70
Hillsborough County	32%	49%	19%	63
Seacoast	50%	34%	16%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	41%	39%	20%	196
2nd District	25%	54%	21%	214

Q6a: Please answer each of the following policy questions: Public water systems are required to test drinking water quality but individual homeowners are not. Should homeowners be required to test private wells when homes are sold?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	64%	27%	9%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	61%	37%	3%	230
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	58%	33%	9%	112
Local Governing Body	63%	33%	4%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	63%	29%	8%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	66%	29%	5%	100
5 to 9 years	65%	31%	4%	95
10 to 19 years	59%	33%	8%	109
20 or more years	60%	33%	7%	101
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	63%	34%	3%	95
Western NH	57%	35%	8%	63
Central/Lakes	58%	25%	17%	71
Hillsborough County	54%	43%	3%	61
Seacoast	70%	27%	3%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	68%	27%	5%	195
2nd District	56%	37%	7%	213

Q6b: Please answer each of the following policy questions: Would you support raising additional money through user fees to protect land around vital water resources?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	58%	26%	16%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	65%	28%	6%	233
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	59%	26%	15%	114
Local Governing Body	54%	36%	10%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	73%	16%	11%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	63%	29%	8%	99
5 to 9 years	69%	18%	13%	95
10 to 19 years	58%	29%	13%	112
20 or more years	59%	30%	11%	102
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	59%	32%	9%	95
Western NH	60%	27%	13%	63
Central/Lakes	57%	33%	10%	72
Hillsborough County	57%	32%	11%	63
Seacoast	69%	19%	13%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	63%	25%	12%	195
2nd District	60%	30%	11%	216

Q6c: Please answer each of the following policy questions: Should additional state regulatory controls be enacted to minimize the impacts of new development on rivers, wetlands and groundwater?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	55%	25%	19%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	61%	35%	4%	232
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	58%	23%	19%	113
Local Governing Body	50%	41%	9%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	69%	22%	8%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	60%	32%	8%	99
5 to 9 years	69%	21%	9%	95
10 to 19 years	54%	32%	14%	112
20 or more years	51%	35%	14%	100
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	52%	39%	10%	93
Western NH	59%	33%	8%	63
Central/Lakes	49%	32%	18%	71
Hillsborough County	59%	29%	13%	63
Seacoast	66%	24%	10%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	63%	27%	11%	196
2nd District	53%	35%	12%	213

Q6d: Please answer each of the following policy questions: Should new developments be required to implement standards for lawn irrigation conservation?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	54%	25%	21%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	56%	38%	6%	229
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	60%	25%	15%	113
Local Governing Body	46%	42%	12%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	63%	24%	13%	128
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	62%	32%	6%	99
5 to 9 years	53%	26%	21%	94
10 to 19 years	55%	32%	13%	112
20 or more years	51%	37%	12%	99
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	48%	38%	14%	93
Western NH	56%	33%	11%	63
Central/Lakes	49%	34%	17%	70
Hillsborough County	51%	37%	13%	63
Seacoast	65%	25%	10%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	62%	26%	13%	192
2nd District	48%	39%	13%	215



Q6e: Please answer each of the following policy questions: The state Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) currently applies to fourth-order (large) rivers. Should smaller rivers and streams also be covered by the CSPA?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	42%	30%	28%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	52%	40%	9%	233
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	48%	26%	27%	113
Local Governing Body	39%	47%	14%	173
Town Planners / Chairs	57%	29%	14%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	48%	34%	17%	99
5 to 9 years	51%	29%	20%	95
10 to 19 years	49%	37%	14%	111
20 or more years	43%	38%	20%	101
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	39%	43%	18%	94
Western NH	52%	35%	13%	63
Central/Lakes	44%	35%	21%	72
Hillsborough County	52%	35%	13%	62
Seacoast	49%	32%	19%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	48%	34%	18%	194
2nd District	46%	38%	16%	215

Q6f: Please answer each of the following policy questions: Should the state direct more funds toward collecting and analyzing data necessary to determine water resource conditions in order to adequately develop water policy?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	62%	18%	20%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	66%	22%	12%	232
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	67%	19%	14%	112
Local Governing Body	58%	24%	18%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	69%	16%	15%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	62%	21%	17%	100
5 to 9 years	68%	16%	16%	94
10 to 19 years	58%	23%	19%	111
20 or more years	71%	21%	8%	101
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	61%	25%	14%	95
Western NH	65%	14%	21%	63
Central/Lakes	56%	26%	18%	72
Hillsborough County	62%	21%	17%	63
Seacoast	71%	16%	13%	116
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	65%	19%	16%	193
2nd District	63%	22%	16%	216

Q7a: Please state your level of agreement with each of the following statements about water resource policy and regulations: It is important to protect water resources even though it costs money

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Strongly Agree	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	3%	2%	7%	24%	64%	0%	418
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>							
Not Very Informed	5%	1%	10%	26%	58%	0%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	1%	3%	6%	22%	69%	0%	233
<b>Position</b>							
State Level Government	4%	4%	6%	20%	66%	1%	114
Local Governing Body	3%	2%	11%	29%	55%	0%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	2%	0%	4%	19%	75%	0%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>							
Less than 5 years	4%	3%	5%	24%	64%	0%	100
5 to 9 years	0%	3%	4%	21%	72%	0%	95
10 to 19 years	2%	0%	9%	29%	60%	0%	110
20 or more years	3%	1%	11%	20%	66%	0%	102
<b>Region of State</b>							
Northern NH	2%	0%	9%	26%	62%	0%	95
Western NH	3%	0%	10%	19%	68%	0%	62
Central/Lakes	0%	4%	10%	22%	64%	0%	72
Hillsborough County	5%	2%	2%	35%	57%	0%	63
Seacoast	3%	3%	7%	18%	69%	0%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>							
1st District	2%	2%	7%	23%	67%	0%	195
2nd District	3%	2%	8%	24%	62%	0%	215

Q7b: Please state your level of agreement with each of the following statements about water resource policy and regulations: Sometimes it is okay to reduce water quality to promote economic development

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Strongly Agree	DK/NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>							
Not Very Informed	50%	32%	4%	10%	4%	0%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	63%	19%	8%	8%	2%	0%	232
<b>Position</b>							
State Level Government	51%	25%	11%	6%	5%	2%	113
Local Governing Body	52%	26%	5%	13%	3%	1%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	66%	22%	6%	5%	2%	0%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>							
Less than 5 years	63%	21%	2%	10%	4%	0%	99
5 to 9 years	55%	31%	7%	5%	2%	0%	95
10 to 19 years	54%	25%	11%	9%	1%	1%	110
20 or more years	54%	22%	7%	11%	6%	1%	102
<b>Region of State</b>							
Northern NH	54%	33%	4%	6%	2%	0%	94
Western NH	61%	27%	3%	5%	3%	0%	62
Central/Lakes	54%	28%	6%	13%	0%	0%	72
Hillsborough County	62%	22%	10%	5%	0%	2%	63
Seacoast	54%	16%	10%	12%	7%	1%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>							
1st District	57%	22%	8%	9%	4%	1%	195
2nd District	56%	28%	6%	8%	2%	0%	214

Q7c: Please state your level of agreement with each of the following statements about water resource policy and regulations: Cluster subdivisions with open space should be encouraged

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Strongly Agree	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	6%	5%	12%	29%	47%	2%	417
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>							
Not Very Informed	6%	3%	15%	26%	48%	1%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	6%	6%	9%	30%	48%	1%	233
<b>Position</b>							
State Level Government	6%	4%	13%	29%	45%	4%	112
Local Governing Body	7%	6%	12%	29%	43%	2%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	3%	4%	10%	28%	55%	0%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>							
Less than 5 years	7%	4%	18%	23%	45%	3%	100
5 to 9 years	5%	3%	15%	29%	47%	1%	94
10 to 19 years	7%	5%	10%	31%	46%	1%	111
20 or more years	3%	5%	6%	33%	51%	2%	101
<b>Region of State</b>							
Northern NH	3%	4%	8%	31%	49%	4%	95
Western NH	6%	3%	11%	23%	56%	0%	62
Central/Lakes	4%	3%	14%	33%	44%	1%	72
Hillsborough County	5%	6%	14%	29%	43%	3%	63
Seacoast	9%	7%	13%	28%	43%	0%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>							
1st District	7%	6%	11%	30%	45%	1%	195
2nd District	5%	4%	13%	28%	49%	2%	215

Q7d: Please state your level of agreement with each of the following statements about water resource policy and regulations: Large lot zoning should be encouraged

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Strongly Agree	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>							
Not Very Informed	18%	20%	23%	19%	13%	8%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	18%	23%	20%	22%	16%	1%	231
<b>Position</b>							
State Level Government	22%	20%	22%	17%	11%	8%	113
Local Governing Body	16%	17%	25%	22%	16%	5%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	17%	28%	18%	24%	13%	0%	127
<b>Years in Government</b>							
Less than 5 years	14%	16%	29%	19%	14%	7%	98
5 to 9 years	14%	20%	21%	23%	18%	3%	94
10 to 19 years	23%	23%	19%	20%	12%	4%	111
20 or more years	18%	25%	22%	23%	11%	2%	101
<b>Region of State</b>							
Northern NH	17%	24%	19%	24%	13%	3%	93
Western NH	21%	21%	16%	15%	21%	6%	62
Central/Lakes	8%	18%	32%	25%	13%	4%	72
Hillsborough County	13%	26%	19%	23%	13%	6%	62
Seacoast	24%	18%	25%	20%	13%	1%	117
<b>Congressional District</b>							
1st District	19%	19%	23%	21%	14%	4%	194
2nd District	16%	23%	22%	22%	14%	4%	212

Q7e: Please state your level of agreement with each of the following statements about water resource policy and regulations: Local aquifer and groundwater protection programs/ordinances are adequate

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Strongly Agree	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>							
Not Very Informed	12%	37%	20%	14%	6%	11%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	22%	33%	6%	22%	13%	3%	234
<b>Position</b>							
State Level Government	18%	37%	13%	15%	6%	11%	114
Local Governing Body	12%	28%	13%	26%	14%	7%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	24%	37%	9%	16%	8%	5%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>							
Less than 5 years	14%	29%	14%	24%	11%	8%	100
5 to 9 years	17%	44%	8%	15%	9%	6%	95
10 to 19 years	21%	33%	13%	21%	8%	5%	111
20 or more years	19%	25%	12%	22%	12%	11%	102
<b>Region of State</b>							
Northern NH	18%	24%	13%	21%	14%	11%	95
Western NH	18%	37%	8%	15%	18%	5%	62
Central/Lakes	15%	28%	21%	22%	6%	8%	72
Hillsborough County	19%	38%	10%	24%	6%	3%	63
Seacoast	18%	38%	8%	20%	8%	8%	119
<b>Congressional District</b>							
1st District	18%	33%	10%	21%	9%	9%	196
2nd District	17%	33%	13%	20%	11%	6%	215

Q7f: Please state your level of agreement with each of the following statements about water resource policy and regulations: Local shoreland protection ordinances are adequate

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Strongly Agree	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	12%	23%	11%	28%	15%	12%	418
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>							
Not Very Informed	11%	24%	18%	26%	6%	16%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	14%	24%	6%	28%	22%	6%	232
<b>Position</b>							
State Level Government	13%	32%	12%	18%	11%	14%	113
Local Governing Body	6%	18%	12%	31%	20%	13%	175
Town Planners / Chairs	18%	22%	8%	34%	11%	8%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>							
Less than 5 years	9%	25%	10%	27%	15%	14%	100
5 to 9 years	12%	24%	11%	27%	15%	12%	95
10 to 19 years	16%	20%	12%	30%	12%	11%	112
20 or more years	9%	24%	9%	30%	19%	9%	100
<b>Region of State</b>							
Northern NH	7%	19%	8%	32%	17%	17%	95
Western NH	16%	19%	14%	22%	16%	13%	63
Central/Lakes	8%	24%	10%	31%	17%	11%	72
Hillsborough County	13%	29%	10%	35%	10%	5%	63
Seacoast	14%	23%	13%	25%	15%	11%	117
<b>Congressional District</b>							
1st District	11%	24%	9%	27%	17%	11%	194
2nd District	12%	21%	13%	30%	13%	13%	216



Q7g: Please state your level of agreement with each of the following statements about water resource policy and regulations: Local wetlands protection ordinances are adequate

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Strongly Agree	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	14%	23%	10%	30%	17%	6%	417
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>							
Not Very Informed	13%	25%	14%	30%	9%	9%	159
Somewhat/Very Informed	17%	22%	6%	29%	24%	2%	232
<b>Position</b>							
State Level Government	14%	32%	11%	19%	11%	13%	113
Local Governing Body	9%	14%	13%	36%	24%	4%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	22%	25%	5%	32%	14%	3%	130
<b>Years in Government</b>							
Less than 5 years	13%	23%	8%	31%	16%	9%	100
5 to 9 years	15%	30%	14%	24%	16%	1%	94
10 to 19 years	15%	22%	13%	27%	17%	6%	111
20 or more years	14%	19%	3%	37%	21%	7%	101
<b>Region of State</b>							
Northern NH	14%	19%	12%	26%	21%	8%	95
Western NH	14%	22%	11%	22%	21%	10%	63
Central/Lakes	10%	21%	11%	37%	14%	6%	70
Hillsborough County	16%	29%	6%	37%	13%	0%	63
Seacoast	17%	23%	8%	29%	18%	6%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>							
1st District	15%	23%	7%	30%	18%	6%	195
2nd District	14%	22%	12%	29%	17%	7%	214

Q7h: Please state your level of agreement with each of the following statements about water resource policy and regulations: I know enough about water resources in New Hampshire to make informed policy decisions

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Strongly Agree	DK/ NA	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	5%	15%	18%	38%	19%	5%	416
<b>Position</b>							
State Level Government	6%	19%	19%	33%	17%	5%	113
Local Governing Body	5%	13%	16%	45%	16%	6%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	5%	15%	20%	32%	25%	4%	129
<b>Years in Government</b>							
Less than 5 years	5%	24%	18%	33%	12%	8%	100
5 to 9 years	4%	15%	20%	42%	17%	2%	95
10 to 19 years	4%	15%	23%	32%	21%	6%	111
20 or more years	8%	5%	13%	44%	27%	3%	100
<b>Region of State</b>							
Northern NH	7%	16%	18%	29%	21%	9%	94
Western NH	2%	17%	19%	43%	17%	2%	63
Central/Lakes	8%	10%	22%	38%	15%	7%	72
Hillsborough County	3%	13%	19%	44%	18%	3%	62
Seacoast	4%	18%	13%	40%	21%	3%	117
<b>Congressional District</b>							
1st District	5%	16%	14%	39%	20%	5%	194
2nd District	5%	14%	21%	37%	18%	5%	214

Q8: Are current STATE regulations adequate to protect water resources in your area?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	41%	21%	38%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	54%	40%	6%	232
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	33%	38%	29%	113
Local Governing Body	59%	22%	19%	174
Town Planners / Chairs	45%	37%	18%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	48%	25%	27%	100
5 to 9 years	38%	39%	22%	94
10 to 19 years	52%	32%	16%	112
20 or more years	52%	28%	20%	101
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	56%	23%	21%	95
Western NH	46%	33%	21%	63
Central/Lakes	52%	23%	25%	71
Hillsborough County	44%	35%	21%	63
Seacoast	41%	41%	19%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	46%	36%	18%	195
2nd District	49%	27%	24%	215

Q9: Are current STATE regulations enforced sufficiently to protect water resources in your area?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>				
Not Very Informed	24%	39%	37%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	32%	52%	16%	233
<b>Position</b>				
State Level Government	22%	38%	40%	113
Local Governing Body	38%	37%	25%	175
Town Planners / Chairs	18%	65%	17%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>				
Less than 5 years	32%	38%	30%	100
5 to 9 years	26%	48%	25%	95
10 to 19 years	24%	55%	21%	112
20 or more years	30%	41%	30%	101
<b>Region of State</b>				
Northern NH	34%	46%	20%	95
Western NH	27%	46%	27%	63
Central/Lakes	29%	39%	32%	72
Hillsborough County	22%	48%	30%	63
Seacoast	27%	48%	25%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>				
1st District	28%	47%	25%	195
2nd District	29%	44%	27%	216

Q12: How often have you visited the NH DES website ([www.des.state.nh.us/](http://www.des.state.nh.us/)) to obtain information about water resource and environmental issues in New Hampshire?

	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	Number Responding
<b>NH State &amp; Local Governing Body</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Informed Policy Decisions</b>					
Not Very Informed	7%	7%	51%	36%	160
Somewhat/Very Informed	13%	19%	51%	18%	231
<b>Position</b>					
State Level Government	4%	10%	56%	31%	113
Local Governing Body	4%	13%	49%	34%	171
Town Planners / Chairs	22%	20%	48%	10%	131
<b>Years in Government</b>					
Less than 5 years	9%	10%	55%	26%	99
5 to 9 years	9%	15%	51%	26%	94
10 to 19 years	8%	15%	53%	23%	111
20 or more years	14%	13%	45%	28%	100
<b>Region of State</b>					
Northern NH	13%	9%	53%	25%	92
Western NH	6%	8%	56%	30%	63
Central/Lakes	11%	20%	38%	31%	71
Hillsborough County	5%	17%	62%	16%	63
Seacoast	11%	16%	47%	26%	118
<b>Congressional District</b>					
1st District	11%	14%	47%	28%	193
2nd District	8%	14%	54%	24%	214

## **APPENDIX C**

### **QUESTIONNAIRE**



## New Hampshire Water Plan Survey



This survey is being conducted by the UNH Survey Center in partnership with Weston and Sampson on behalf of N.H. Department of Environmental Services and the N.H. Legislature's Water Resources Committee. Please take a few minutes to share your views by completing this confidential questionnaire. Circle the number that best represents your response. If you don't know, are not sure, or if the question does not apply to you, circle the "DK/NA" response. Please respond with respect to the area you represent, unless otherwise directed. This survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

The UNH Survey Center is compiling responses to ensure their confidentiality. **Please return your completed questionnaire ASAP so that your opinions can be included in the compiled results.** If you have any questions about your rights as a research subject you may contact Julie Simpson in the UNH Office of Sponsored Research at 603-862-2003 or [julie.simpson@unh.edu](mailto:julie.simpson@unh.edu) to discuss them. Simply enclose your completed questionnaire in the envelope provided and place it in the mail. For your convenience, return postage is prepaid. If you would prefer, you may also complete this questionnaire online at: <http://www.unh.edu/survey-center/nhwp08.htm>

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Paul Susca at (603) 271-7061 or email [Paul.Susca@des.nh.gov](mailto:Paul.Susca@des.nh.gov). Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. We truly value your opinion.

Sincerely,  
Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner  
N.H. Department of Environmental Services (NH DES)

### Drinking Water and Wastewater Issues

- 1) From your perspective, please rate each of the following issues with respect to drinking water and wastewater issues in your area.

	<u>Severe Problem</u>	<u>Moderate Problem</u>	<u>Slight Problem</u>	<u>Not A Problem</u>	<u>DK/ NA</u>
a. Contaminated drinking water	1	2	3	4	9
b. Lack of public water supply	1	2	3	4	9
c. Lack of public wastewater systems	1	2	3	4	9
d. The condition of water and wastewater infrastructure	1	2	3	4	9
e. High cost of drinking water	1	2	3	4	9
f. High cost of public sewer service	1	2	3	4	9
g. Inadequate maintenance of home septic systems	1	2	3	4	9
h. Cost of septage (septic tank contents) disposal	1	2	3	4	9
i. Security and protection of water resources infrastructure	1	2	3	4	9

### Water Quality Issues

- 2) Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following water quality issues in your area.

	<u>Very Concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat Concerned</u>	<u>Not Very Concerned</u>	<u>Not At All Concerned</u>	<u>DK/ NA</u>
a. Water quality of streams and rivers	1	2	3	4	9
b. Potential contamination of existing wells and aquifers	1	2	3	4	9
c. Impact of development on water quality (erosion and sedimentation, contaminated runoff, nutrient loading)	1	2	3	4	9
d. Pollution caused by stormwater	1	2	3	4	9
e. Excessive aquatic plants or algae	1	2	3	4	9
f. Soil erosion from agricultural fields / construction	1	2	3	4	9
g. Storage and/or use of road salt	1	2	3	4	9
h. Contaminated fish	1	2	3	4	9
i. Closed fishing or shell fishing areas	1	2	3	4	9
j. Mercury in lakes & ponds from air pollution	1	2	3	4	9
k. Acid rain	1	2	3	4	9

### **Recreational and Navigation Issues**

3) Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to recreation and navigation in your area.

	<b><u>Very Concerned</u></b>	<b><u>Somewhat Concerned</u></b>	<b><u>Not Very Concerned</u></b>	<b><u>Not At All Concerned</u></b>	<b><u>DK/ NA</u></b>
a. Closed public swimming areas	1	2	3	4	9
b. Insufficient access to water-dependent recreation	1	2	3	4	9
c. Too many boats, etc. on our lakes, etc.	1	2	3	4	9
d. Adequacy of ports, channels, etc. for navigation and commerce	1	2	3	4	9
e. Reduced beauty of lakes or streams	1	2	3	4	9

### **Drought, Flooding and Development Issues**

4) Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following issues related to drought, flooding and development in your area.

	<b><u>Very Concerned</u></b>	<b><u>Somewhat Concerned</u></b>	<b><u>Not Very Concerned</u></b>	<b><u>Not At All Concerned</u></b>	<b><u>DK/ NA</u></b>
a. Impact of water withdrawals used for lawn watering during dry periods	1	2	3	4	9
b. Inefficient use of water (indoors and/or outdoors)	1	2	3	4	9
c. Impact of large groundwater withdrawals (wells over 40 gallons per minute)	1	2	3	4	9
d. Cumulative impact of small groundwater withdrawals (including residential wells)	1	2	3	4	9
e. New bottled water facilities	1	2	3	4	9
f. Impact of surface water withdrawals on stream flow	1	2	3	4	9
g. Impact of development on the <u>amount</u> of water in rivers, wetlands and groundwater	1	2	3	4	9
h. Shore land development	1	2	3	4	9
i. Beach or shoreline erosion	1	2	3	4	9
j. Increased flooding	1	2	3	4	9
k. Loss of wetlands	1	2	3	4	9
l. Dam maintenance	1	2	3	4	9
m. Emergency planning and management for storms, hurricanes	1	2	3	4	9
n. Drought management policies	1	2	3	4	9
o. Regional conflict over water use and withdrawals	1	2	3	4	9
p. Climate change (including changes in storm intensity, etc.)	1	2	3	4	9

### **Policy and Planning Issues**

5) Does your Town or district have plans to make a major capital investment in the next 5 years in any of the following?

	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b>
a. Water supply	1	2	9
b. Wastewater treatment	1	2	9
c. Storm water system	1	2	9
d. Dam construction / maintenance	1	2	9
e. Wetlands mitigation	1	2	9
f. Land conservation (for water protection)	1	2	9



6) Please answer each of the following policy questions.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
a. Public water systems are required to test drinking water quality but individual homeowners are not. Should homeowners be required to test private wells when homes are sold?	1	2	9
b. Would you support raising additional money through user fees to protect land around vital water resources?	1	2	9
c. Should additional state regulatory controls be enacted to minimize the impacts of new development on rivers, wetlands and groundwater?	1	2	9
d. Should new developments be required to implement standards for lawn irrigation conservation?	1	2	9
e. The state Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) currently applies to fourth-order (large) rivers. Should smaller rivers and streams also be covered by the CSPA?	1	2	9
f. Should the state direct more funds toward collecting and analyzing data necessary to determine water resource conditions in order to adequately develop water policy?	1	2	9

7) Please state your level of agreement with each of the following statements about water resource policy and regulations.

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree Somewhat</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Agree Somewhat</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>DK/ NA</b>
a. It is important to protect water resources even though it costs money	1	2	3	4	5	9
b. Sometimes it is okay to reduce water quality to promote economic development	1	2	3	4	5	9
c. Cluster subdivisions with open space should be encouraged	1	2	3	4	5	9
d. Large lot zoning should be encouraged	1	2	3	4	5	9
e. Local aquifer and groundwater protection programs/ordinances are adequate	1	2	3	4	5	9
f. Local shoreland protection ordinances are adequate	1	2	3	4	5	9
g. Local wetlands protection ordinances are adequate	1	2	3	4	5	9
h. I know enough about water resources in New Hampshire to make informed policy decisions	1	2	3	4	5	9

8) Are current STATE regulations adequate to protect water resources in your area?

1. Yes                      2. No                      9. Don't Know

9) Are current STATE regulations enforced sufficiently to protect water resources in your area?

1. Yes                      2. No                      9. Don't Know

### **Other Information**

**10)** If you had 15 minutes with the Governor, what would be the top three **water resource** issues you would want to discuss?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**11)** What is the best way for DES to inform you about water related issues in NH? (eg: website, news releases, etc.)

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**12)** How often have you visited the NH DES website ([www.des.state.nh.us/](http://www.des.state.nh.us/)) to obtain information about water resource and environmental issues in New Hampshire?

1. Weekly

2. Monthly

2. Occasionally

4. Never

**13)** What is your position?

1. Executive Councilor

2. State Senator

3. State Representative

4. Member of Select Board or other Local Governing Body

5. Town Planner

6. Town Conservation Commission

7. Town Planning Board

8. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**14)** What Town do you reside in? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ If different, what Town(s) do you represent? \_\_\_\_\_

**15)** How long have you been involved in local or State government? \_\_\_\_\_ years

**16)** Is there anything else you would like to share with the NH DES?

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Thank you very much for your time and participation!